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Brighton recently issued a statement confirming their young striker Peter Ward is not for sale.

MEADOWBANK THISTLE soon hope to be fielding two sets of brothers. The Hancock brothers, Jim, ex-Hearts, and Steve, ex-Stirling Albion and Sheffield Wednesday, have been regular members of the team this season. Now ex-Hearts David Mackenzie hopes to be joined soon by his brother, Tom.

TERRY COOPER has played hundreds of games for Leeds, Middlesbrough and England. Yet the own-goal against Arsenal was the first in his professional career. "It was also my worst performance," he admitted.

I'M GOING BACK

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

says Mike Channon

"I'll be returning to Southampton next season," says Mike Channon (right), the striker Saints sold to Manchester City for £300,000 last July.

But the England star isn't rejoining his old club. "I really fancy them for promotion this season," he said. "I'm looking forward to playing against them at The Dell."

"I don't know whether it's tradition or not, but they have always been a side who will score goals — no matter who is playing for them."

"What they needed was strengthening at the back, and now they've done that they seem right for the First Division."

EAMON DUNPHY, who spent 12 years at Millwall and wrote a book about his experiences there, turned down an invitation to take over as manager at The Den, according to a report in a Dublin newspaper.

Dunphy, who is on Johnny Giles' staff at Shamrock Rovers, claims he was approached by directors of the Second Division club.

He rejected the invitation, he says, because of his commitment to Shamrock Rovers and Irish football.

● A number of leading clubs have noted the brilliant form of Rochdale goalkeeper Mike Poole.

Why Alan Dicks turned down Arabs

BRISTOL CITY boss Alan Dicks (right) recently turned down the chance to take over as manager of the Saudi Arabian national team in succession to Bill McGarry, now back in this country in charge of Newcastle United.

Although the contract was very attractive, more than £100,000 over two years, Alan Dicks decided to stay at Ashton Gate.

"I like the continuing challenge at Bristol City," he said. "I like the area and the people and I don't want to move. I believe this club has a tremendous future."

A few weeks after the Arabs approached Mr. Dicks, Ronnie Allen left West Brom for the Middle East.

"It was a difficult decision," said Allen, who spent 14 years as a player, 18 months as a scout and six months as manager, at Albion.

"I was disappointed Albion did not offer me a contract earlier, especially when the results were good."

"I feel I gave Albion value for money and added something to their game by making the team more adventurous."



JOHN McSEVENEY has resigned as manager of League of Ireland club Waterford. With his family still living in Barnsley he felt he had to return to England.

"I can no longer continue to put my job first and my family second," he said.

Goalkeeper Peter Thomas has taken over as caretaker manager.



CHEERS FORFAR

ARCHIE KNOX (left), the player-manager of Forfar Athletic, was recently presented with a cheque for £100 and a gallon bottle of Mackinlay's Scotch Whisky as the "Football Personality of the Month" for November.

Archie, who led Forfar to the Semi-Finals of the League Cup and a meeting with Glasgow Rangers, has gone a long way in eradicating the lowly image of the little Angus club.

Runner-up for November was Partick Thistle manager Bertie Auld who led his team through the month undefeated.

Bertie, in fact, won the December award.

END FOR BEST?

SUPERSTAR George Best's mid-season return to the United States has seemingly climaxed his once-glimmering Football League career.

In more than 400 League appearances with Manchester United and Fulham, plus three outings with Stockport County, Belfast-born Best totalled close on 150 goals, plus many more in Cup, European and international games.

But American fans may see more of talented George's unique soccer skills, as the 37-times-capped Northern Ireland ace continues to turn on the style for Los Angeles Aztecs.

PORTSMOUTH defender Billy Wilson will never have an excuse for being late for training at Fratton Park... because he lives there.

Not actually in the stands or on the pitch, but in The Pompey pub which adjoins the ground.

Wilson and his wife, Heather have just taken over as landlords of the pub which is owned by Portsmouth Football Club.

He said: "We live over the pub which makes life easy for me on match days. It means I can just stroll out and on to the pitch and even watch television in my flat until just before kick-off!"

SEVERAL top English clubs, including Derby and Q.P.R. have been chasing Rangers' 23-year-old striker Derek Parlane... and rumour has it the Ibrox club are prepared to listen to offers.

FIFTEEN-year-old Dubliner Richie Baylay, a midfield player with Cherry Orchard, could have joined Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal, Derby, Wolves and six other top English clubs.

Instead, Richie decided to sign on for Johnny Giles' club Shamrock Rovers, saying: "I prefer to be with my family and in the places I know at the moment — but I still hope to make the big time."

MIKE GRAHAM, an 18-year-old Bolton full-back who has already forced himself into first team reckoning this season, can always rely on plenty of family support.

Graham, who first joined Bolton in July, 1975, and signed professional on his 18th birthday in February, formerly played for Northern Premier League team Netherfield — and so did his uncle And Mike's dad also played cricket for Netherfield.

Everton could well be top dogs of the First Division this season. Helping them maintain their bid for the title is Duncan McKenzie who has his own top dog, Sasha, a beautiful Afghan hound.

Duncan, in the process of moving into a luxury home, will find no problems exercising Sasha. His new house backs on to the Haydock Park racecourse.



TO SAINTS'



...and Bobby Charlton for Newcastle

FORMER Manchester United and England star Bobby Charlton (right) will play for Newcastle United later this year. No, he's not about to join the St. James' Park outfit, but the Australian club of the same name.

Bobby will play in four or five matches for the New South Wales team.

● Former Rangers and Scotland captain, Eric Caldow, has returned home to his native Cumnock, Ayrshire, to manage the local junior team. After he retired from the playing side, Caldow had spells as manager with Corby Town and Stranraer.

SCOTLAND left-back Willie Donachie will miss his country's opening game of the World Cup Finals.

The Manchester City star is suspended as a result of collecting two yellow cards in the qualifying ties.

Other suspensions: Don Givens and David O'Leary must miss the next full international of the Republic of Ireland after two cautions.

BRISTOL ROVERS will make club history at Easter by sending their youth team to play in an international Under-19 tournament staged by the Racing Club of Calais. It will be the first time Rovers youngsters have played on the Continent.

OSSIE RETIRING

GOALKEEPER John Osborne, who has completed 11 years with West Bromwich Albion, is retiring at the end of the season.

Osborne, who cost Albion £15,000 when signed from Chesterfield, retired in 1972 to go into business but was persuaded to make a comeback by Don Howe only 12 months later.

Last season he helped Albion enjoy a good first season back in the First Division.

He said: "I've got to accept a top club has got to build for the future and a 36-year-old goalkeeper cannot be part of those plans."

A SMARTER HALIFAX

WITHIN hours of taking over as Halifax Town's player-manager Jimmy Lawson produced a shock blueprint designed partly to improve the club's dismal away record of only two wins since 1975.

The one-time Huddersfield Town and Middlesbrough midfielder — he replaced sacked manager Alan Ball senior — touched off a psychological war that could put Halifax on the way to points that could carry the side away from the re-election zone. After being voted back this year, another application would be chancy.

Says Lawson: "If players want to go to an away match looking like a bag of rags, the opposition aren't going to be very impressed."

"If you all look smart and very professional — then you have an advantage. It's all psychological."

So Halifax have their orders. "Look the part and those Fourth Division blues could soon vanish." Lawson was off to a fine start — a 2-1 home win that cost Aldershot second spot in the table.

The Shay lads back their new boss and old team-mate 100 per cent. He is insisting on collars and ties on match days, and is tightening midweek discipline, too. Anyone who is not stripped for training at 10.30 each morning will be fined.

"These might seem small points," says Jimmy. "But they will help towards making the club's attitude more professional."

ON Bank Holiday Monday (Jan. 2nd) Cambridge United's best-ever Football League crowd of 10,998 cheered them on to a 1-0 victory over Peterborough — their record ninth-successive home win.

CRYSTAL Palace have been showing interest in Chelsea's Welsh international goalkeeper John Phillips.

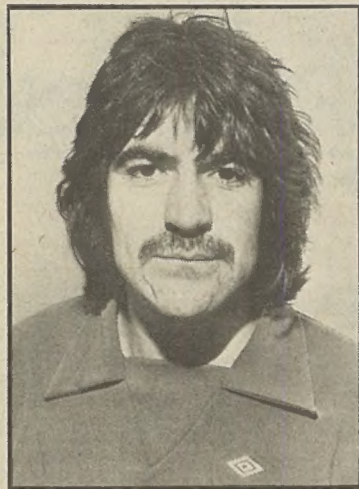
IT WASN'T A BAD Christmas for Kevin Keegan's wife Jean. The former Liverpool star, now with Hamburger SV, bought her a Volkswagen Golf car costing 11,500 DM. That's around £4,000 in sterling. Not bad, eh? Beats my after-shave and jumper.

ON TRIAL at Newcastle recently ... young striker Ray Xuereb from Malta.

PORTADOWN boss Bertie Neil beat off the challenge from several other senior outfits when he snapped up ex-Linfield defender Herbie Pearson.

The former Northern Ireland youth international, who failed to command a regular first team spot at Windsor Park this term, should prove quite an asset to the Co. Armagh club.

one-way ticket



AYR UNITED goalkeeper Hugh Sproat (above) plans to fly to Argentina to watch Scotland in the World Cup Finals — on a one-way ticket. Then he intends to hitch lifts back home to Britain, via Canada.

"I'll be going with a pal who wants to see relatives in Canada after the Finals," says Hugh. "Hitching up through South and North America and then getting back to Britain from there is the best way — even though it is 4,000 miles."

HARVEY FOR THE HIGH-JUMP

THERE'S no doubt Leeds United and Scotland international David Harvey can jump higher than any other goalkeeper.

The Leeds-born star likes nothing better than riding his horse at Joe Carr's stables in the picturesque Hambleton Hills a few miles from his North Yorkshire home.

Country-loving Harvey — he moved with his family last year to a farm in the wilds to get away from the "hurly-burly of city life" — hopes to re-establish himself as first team regular at Leeds this season.

His other ambition is to win a place in Scotland's World Cup squad for South America next summer.

AFTER his traumatic times at Derby, the likeable Colin Murphy is a changed man now he's with Notts County.

Murphy whose head always seemed to be on the chopping block at the Baseball Ground, is revelling in his role as coach to Jimmy Sirrel and appears to be at ease with the job.

He probably knows he is very much concerned with the long-term at Meadow Lane, a position he never enjoyed with his old club.

"Obviously we don't have the resources that there were at Derby, but I am enjoying the challenge immensely," he says.

HOW TO CARRY ON COLLECTING

The great free gifts that SHOOT has presented in the last two weeks form the basis for a superb collection that every soccer fan will want to complete, and here's how you do it.

Both the album (for those of you who missed it last week) and the stickers are now available throughout the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland in local newsagents and many branches of W. H. Smith and John Menzies. The album costs 10p and the stickers are 5p for a packet of six.

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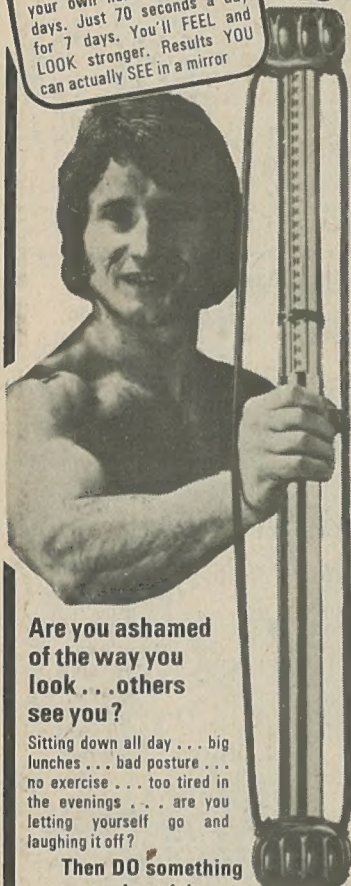
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'KEEPERS

TAKING a penalty-kick is usually a nerve-wracking experience — particularly at a decisive point in a game — whereas facing one is comparatively stress-free.

The odds are so weighted in favour of the kicker, he's expected to score!

For the 'keeper, he knows should he make a save he'll be regarded almost as a miracle-worker, and so he can afford not to be affected by the agonising tension gripping his opponent.

I learnt early on, when with Scunthorpe United, before I joined Liverpool, not to try to work out where a spot-kicker planned to place the ball. Instead, I make up my mind which way I'm going to dive, and stick to it.

The only time I can be blamed for letting the ball into the net is when I have disregarded the instructions of one of our coaching staff after he has seen the taker in action. Then I get a rocket from the bench!

There are roughly two different types of spot-kickers: the blaster and the placer. Leeds' Peter Lorimer falls into the first category with his mighty blockbuster shot that even if it's only a yard or so away from the 'keepers' body he has no time to reach it.

Southampton's Alan Ball and our right-back Phil Neal belong to the second category, and because they are so accurate, probably have more successful conversions.

The hardest kick to save is the one directed into a top corner, as it's almost impossible to reach from a standing start in the centre of the goal.

'Keepers who do pull off a save are often accused of having moved before the ball was kicked. Usually the ref orders the kick to be re-taken, but there are times when the 'keeper gets away with it.

That didn't happen, though, in Liverpool's League match at Anfield the Tuesday after Christmas, when Wolves' Paul Bradshaw anticipated the ref's whistle and saved Phil Neal's kick.

Wolves had been playing so well I sensed the penalty conversion was important to us and felt so apprehensive when I saw Paul stand off-centre, tempting Phil by giving him a wider space to shoot into, that I looked away. I peeped back just in time to see Paul's "unlawful" save!

Phil made no mistake with the re-taken kick, which gave us the only goal of the game and two valuable points.

I'm very fortunate in playing behind such a secure, responsible defence that probably gives away fewer penalties than any other in Britain.

At a rough count, I reckon I have managed to shut out around 50 per cent of those!

My two most important spot-kick saves were in U.E.F.A. Cup competitions and helped us to win the trophy twice.

The first was in the first-leg of the 1973 Final at Anfield — rearranged

because bad weather had forced the scheduled game to be abandoned after a goal-less 27 minutes.

We were three-nil up against Borussia Monchengladbach when Stevie Heighway brought down one of their stars, Heynckes, in our area and the ref pointed straight away to the white spot.

As the German prepared to take the kick I made up my mind to go right. My decision proved correct and I prevented the conversion.

If the Germans had scored then they would have won the Cup on the away goals rule as they subsequently beat us 2-0 in the second-leg on their home ground.

Three years later a similar situation occurred in the Quarter-Finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup, in the first-leg against another German team, this time Dynamo Dresden from the East.

Playing in Dresden we were holding them 0-0 until Ray Kennedy brought down Peter Kotte.

Now this was where a tip from our "European spy", Youth Development Officer Tom Saunders, paid dividends. Tom had told me he'd seen Kotte put a penalty kick high into the net to the 'keeper's right in a recent game.

Kotte's shot went to the right, sure enough, but low down, which meant I had to alter my angle in mid-dive and just succeeded in tipping the ball around the post.

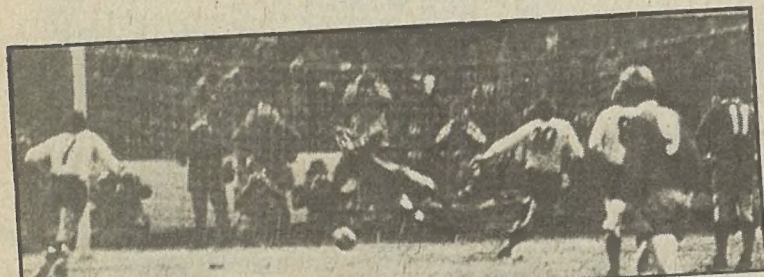
The game ended goal-less and we beat the East Germans narrowly by 2-1 in the second-leg. Thanks to Tom's tip, we had won through to the Semi-Finals.

The most spectacular penalty save I've ever seen was by Gordon Banks, the Greatest, from Geoff Hurst in a League Cup Semi-Final between Stoke and West Ham at Upton Park. Now Geoff is one of

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer



AREN'T UNDER PRESSURE FACING PENALTIES'



'A "spy's" tip helped me make a vital save'

'Leeds' Peter Lorimer is a "blaster"

the blaster brigade, like Peter Lorimer, and his power and accuracy was held in high respect by all 'keepers.

But somehow Gordon got behind the ball and tipped it over the bar.

This is where he showed his experience. If he had tried to hold the shot, the chances were the ball would have rebounded and given Geoff or a team-mate a second try at goal.

A reader recently asked me if I have ever taken any penalties. For his and your information, I am Liverpool's official penalty-taker — in testimonials. So far I've taken around four or five and scored every time.

There's a school of thought that 'keepers are best-equipped for the job, but I don't subscribe to it.

Manchester United's Alex Stepney took their kicks for a spell, and I believe Hamish McAlpine still does for his club, Dundee United.

A danger, of course, is that a 'keeper making a save from a 'keeper could boot the ball upfield at the empty net the other end. But in the professional game a team-mate of the kicker would rush in and prevent this happening by putting himself in the way.

Penalties have sometimes played a vital part in Liverpool's recent successes, and two come readily to mind. The first, when Belgian club Bruges came to Anfield for the first-leg of the 1976 U.E.F.A. Cup Final.

LEFT . . . Dynamo Dresden's Peter Kotte places his spot-kick to Ray Clemence's right, but the Liverpool 'keeper has guessed correctly and dives to pull off a great save.

At half-time we were two goals to nil down, a rare situation for us. Then, early in the second-half, we were given a penalty. Up strode our then spot-kick specialist, Kevin Keegan, to drive the ball home.

That set us off to a magnificent comeback, and we ran out winners by 3-2.

Kevin later handed the job over to Phil Neal, who has established a marvellous record of conversions.

No one who saw the 1977 European Cup Final between Borussia and Liverpool will ever forget the moment when we were given the penalty that could put the trophy

especially in Europe — on penalties comes under attack at times, yet it is far preferable than the former method of tossing a coin, and also provides an exciting climax.

It's hard on 'keepers, though, and that's when they really earn their money.

Our Charity Shield game at Wembley against Leeds a few years back was settled with penalties. We were level at 5-5 when their 'keeper David Harvey put his shot over the bar to present us with the trophy.

Obviously David doesn't get the practice I get in testimonial matches!

Now for my preview of this Saturday's League match at Anfield, when Birmingham City pay us a visit.

It'll be nice to see Sir Alf Ramsey again. I played only a couple of games for England under his leadership, but he always impressed me as a man who knows his football and what makes players tick.

I've heard a bad word against him from any England man.

Amazed

We've already met Birmingham at St. Andrews, a ground where previously we'd rarely done well, and amazed ourselves by coming away with both points after a one-nil win.

Trevor Francis is still their outstanding player. He recently scored his 100th League goal, and has struck up a good understanding with Keith Bertschin, signed from Ipswich.

I'm looking forward again to meeting Joe Gallagher, back after a leg break.

Their 'keeper, Jim Montgomery, has made a story book comeback after failing to hold his place with Sunderland, whom he had served so well.

I believe he was on a month's loan from them, and spent three-and-a-half weeks in the reserves before being given a chance in the first team, where he's been ever since!

Our meetings at home against Birmingham are often high-scoring affairs. As long as we score most, we'll be happy.

I don't know who Birmingham's penalty-taker is — and I hope I don't find out the hard way.

Meet me same place next week —



completely out of the West German club's reach.

In an atmosphere too incredible to describe, Phil strode up and slotted the ball home.

Yet he confessed to me afterwards he had not struck the ball cleanly and wouldn't rate it amongst his best kicks.

I've often heard critics of spot-kicks complain they should be given only when a goal was a certainty if the offence hadn't occurred. I disagree. This is something no referee should be expected to judge.

In my opinion, refs don't award enough penalties, particularly for pushing. A player can be running in to head the ball into goal when a slight, unpenalised push makes him send it off-target.

Another thing I've noticed is that having awarded a penalty, many refs are reluctant to award another.

Deciding drawn ties and Finals —

Ray Clemence



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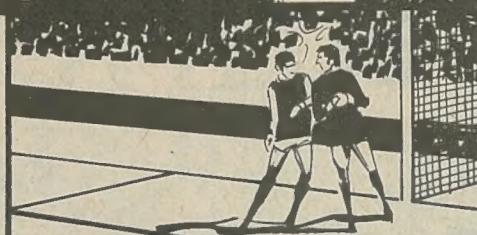
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A player kicks the ball when it is dangerously close to your head. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award a free-kick for dangerous play or (c) caution him and award a free-kick?

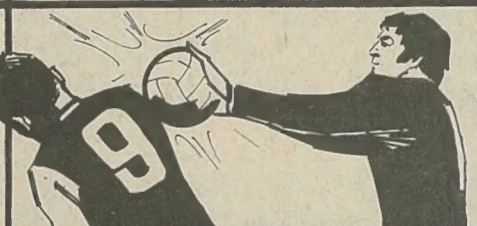


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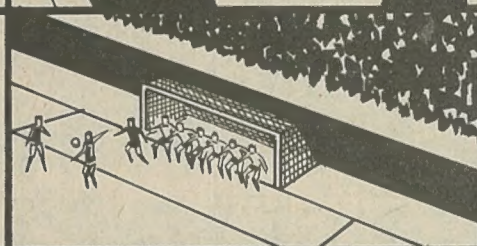
A: A goalkeeper is charged by an opponent, in a fair manner, when he is inside the goal-area holding the ball.



B: He pushes the opponent with the ball. You award an indirect free-kick for dangerous play.



C: Because the free-kick is less than ten yards from goal you allow defenders to form a wall between the posts. The goalkeeper wants to stand in front of the wall but you order him back on to the goal-line. (Where is the problem?).



ANSWERS:

1. Take no action (a) but use the incident as a warning to keep clear of pushing an opponent. In A there is no offence. In C the goalkeeper is correctly ordered back to the goal-line.

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Michael McNeill of Buntingford in Herts, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

SOCCER TALENT MUST STAY

AS West Brom's Ronnie Allen sets off for Saudi Arabia, it has now become obvious something must be done about stopping the flow of soccer talent from England. Too many players, managers and coaches are being lost from this country — money being the main objective.

If more top soccer personalities go, the standard of football will suffer because we need the skill

and ideas of these people.

If we can't find a way out of this problem then foreigners must be allowed in. Otherwise, England could soon become like Scotland where only a few clubs have a decent team.

● I can't see a solution. It's a fact British players earn less than those with the other European soccer powers, while Arabs and Americans invariably offer far better terms. It's also true our tax system is one of the harshest around, so our stars lose out both ways. Scottish players come to England for more money and now Football League stars are going abroad for the same reason. It's difficult to criticise them, even though the game will suffer unless conditions are made more attractive here.

Too Much

FOUR games in eight days! What a programme for our players over the holiday period. No wonder so many want to leave for the Continent!

NICHOLAS MATHIASON, OXHEY.

● Whoever thought up the Christmas and New Year programme couldn't have had football at heart. It was too much for the players.

Accident

HOW sad it was to see Alex Cropley breaking a leg for the third time. As a devoted Villa fan I can tell you Alex was playing bril-

liantly before his accident even though some of the other Villa players hadn't lived up to expectations. Alex would surely have been in the Scotland squad for Argentina had it not been for his injury.

RICHARD MOORE, HARROGATE.

● Alex has shown his courage and character by coming back twice before — I'm sure he'll do it again. One thing's for sure... Villa will miss his cultured midfield play.

Who Said That?

DURING an R.T.E. sports programme the announcer said "Steve McQueen has scored for Leeds United against Manchester City."

NOEL O'DONOVAN, DRIMOLEAGUE.

On Scotsport, Arthur Montford told us Celtic had beaten Partick Thistle 3-0 and added "Celtic scored first..."

ALASTAIR GRAHAM, PRESTWICK.

● Keep sending in your favourite misprints and funny announcements. And thanks to those who spotted us calling Jimmy Hill "Jimmy Jill". Just shows we're not perfect either.

Disgusted

I WAS disgusted when I read your "Top of the Form" article. I'm afraid I agreed only with four of



your choices in your First Division team.

It is quite unbelievable you can ignore players such as Ray Clemence, Bob Latchford (above), Martin Buchan, and John Gidman.

I've seen all these players at Anfield this season, with the exception of Buchan. Your selection of Ray Hankin over Bob Latchford really puzzled me.

I was surprised at your apparent ignorance in your selection and I'm sure my criticism isn't the only one you'll receive.

JOHN WATSON, KIRKDALE.

● It wasn't, but just about every other writer pointed out the problem of choosing 11 players from so many. Football is all about friendly arguments and disagreements and our team was based on what we've seen this season home and away — not at just one ground.



HIBERNIAN

compiled by John Pyke

THE City of Edinburgh, still suffering from the loss of relegated Hearts from the Premier Division, have suffered some uneasy weeks over the form of Hibernian this season.

Still too close for comfort to the bottom of the Premier table, Hibs have had some encouraging results of late with a 0-0 draw at Ibrox Park against leaders Rangers being one of them.

Hibs exchanged defender Erich Schaedler for Dundee striker Bobby Hutchinson before Christmas. Hutchinson had netted 12 League goals for Dundee last season and Hibs hope his added goal-power will help them to a higher League position. There can be few complaints about the Easter Road defence, one of the best in the country.



MANAGER EDDIE TURNBULL

RECORD VICTORY:
15-1 v Peebles Rovers, Scottish Cup, Second Round, February 11th, 1961.

RECORD DEFEAT:
2-9 v Morton, Division One, 1918-19.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
54 in Division Two, 1932-33.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Joe Baker, 42 in Division One, 1959-60.



Bobby Smith (left) beats Jim McSherry of Ayr United.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Alan Gordon	27
1973-74	Alan Gordon	16
1974-75	Arthur Duncan and Joe Harper	12
1975-76	Arthur Duncan	13
1976-77	Bobby Smith	8

GROUND:
Easter Road Park.
SIZE OF PITCH:
112 yards by 74 yards.

TELEPHONE No:
031-661 2159.

NICKNAME:
'Hi-Bees'.

COLOURS:
Green shirts with white collars and sleeves. White shorts, green and white stockings.

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes. All records are for the 1976-77 season.)

ALLY BRAZIL: A tall central-defender who made his debut against Aberdeen on April 9th, 1977. Signed from Currie Hearts in 1976. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— 4.

DES BREMNER: Can play in mid-field or defence and after Scottish Under-23 appearances won a full cap against Switzerland in the 1975-76 season. Signed from Highland League club Deveronvale. Born Aberchirder. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— 36. G.— 4.

JOHN BROWNLIE: Defender who loves to join in the attack. His career was interrupted in 1973 when he suffered a leg fracture. Signed from Junior football in 1969. Seven full Scottish caps. Born Caldercruix. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L. App.— 36. G.— 3.

ARTHUR DUNCAN: A very fast winger who is also a chiropodist in his spare time. Signed from Partick Thistle for £35,000 in 1970 and has six full Scottish caps. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.1. L. App.— 30. G.— 2.

ALEX EDWARDS: Midfielder or winger who was signed from Dunfermline for £13,000 in 1971. Born Dunfermline. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.10. L. App.— 22 and 3 sub.

TONY HIGGINS: Midfielder signed from Kilsyth St in 1972. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.6. L. App.— 4 and 1 sub. G.— 2.

BOBBY HUTCHINSON: Striker signed from Dundee in November, 1977, in exchange for Erich Schaedler. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— Dundee 35. G.— Dundee 12.

JIM McARTHUR: Goalkeeper signed from Cowdenbeath for £8,000 in 1972. Is also a physical education teacher. Did not appear in the Hibs' League side in the 1976-77 season. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.8.

MIKE McDONALD: Goalkeeper who was an ever-present in the Hibs' side last season. Signed from Stoke City in January, 1976. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.0. L. App.— 36.

ALEX McGHEE: Midfielder signed from Motherwell in 1975. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— 7 and 2 sub.

ALLY McLEOD: Striker signed from Southampton for £25,000 in December, 1974. A fine ball

MIKE McDONALD



player and once scored four goals in a game against Rangers. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App.— 19. G.— 7.

JACKIE McNAMARA: Midfielder who underwent a cartilage operation soon after signing for Hibs in an exchange deal that involved Pat Stanton going to Celtic in 1976. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.10. L. App.— 10 and 1 sub.

LINDSAY MUIR: Defender or midfielder signed from school in 1974. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— 4 and 4 sub.

WILLIE MURRAY: Midfielder signed from junior football in 1971. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— 11 and 3 sub. G.— 1.

ALLY SCOTT: Striker who joined Hibs from Rangers in 1976 in an exchange deal that took Iain Munro to Ibrox Park. Born Glasgow. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.2. L. App.— 23 and 8 sub. G.— 3.

BOBBY SMITH: Versatile player who was top League scorer for Hibs last season, but has settled into a midfield role, can also perform well in the defence. Signed from juvenile soccer in 1971. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.6. L. App.— 36. G.— 8.

GEORGE STEWART: Defender signed from Dundee in 1976. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.9. L. App.— 29.



ARTHUR DUNCAN

HIBERNIAN

BACK ROW (left to right): Erich Scheedler (now Dundee), Ally Scott, Jim McArthur, Tony Higgins, Mike McDonald, George Stewart, John Brownlie.

MIDDLE ROW: John Mulholland, Willie Murray, Ally Brazil, Lindsay Muir, Willie

Paterson, Bobby Smith, Ally McLeod, Jackie McNamara.

FRONT ROW: Arthur Duncan, Alex McGhee, Pat Carroll, Des Bremner, John Blackley (now Newcastle United), Graham Fyfe (now Dumbarton), Alex Edwards.

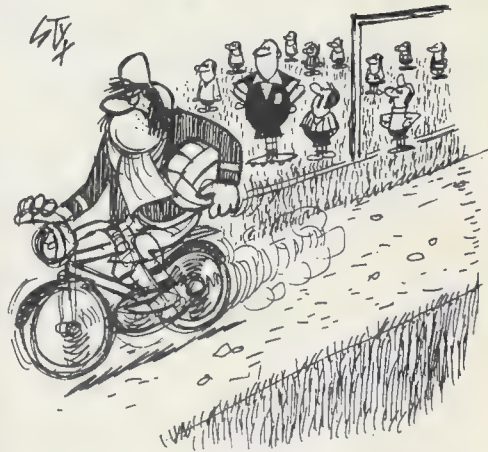
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TONY GODDEN
W.B.A.



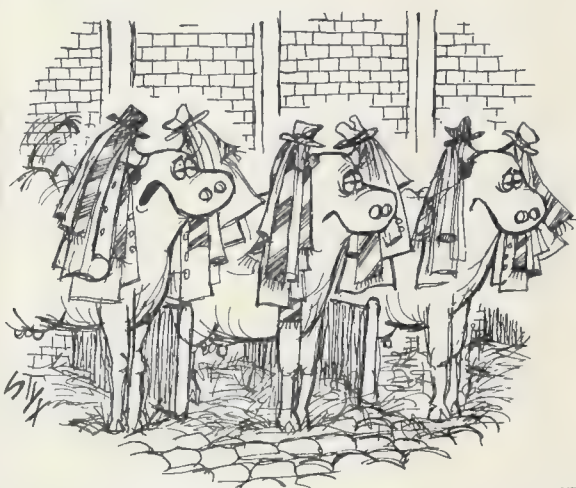
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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

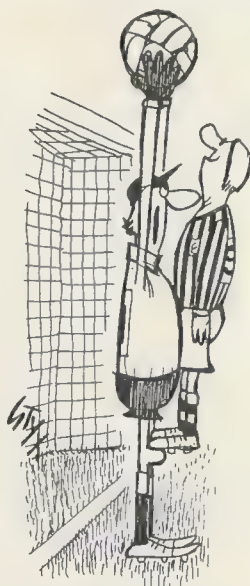


This week Southampton defender DAVID PEACH selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

"I told you not to send him off, ref — it's his ball!"



"I'm getting cheesed off with that rotten football team changing in our cowshed"

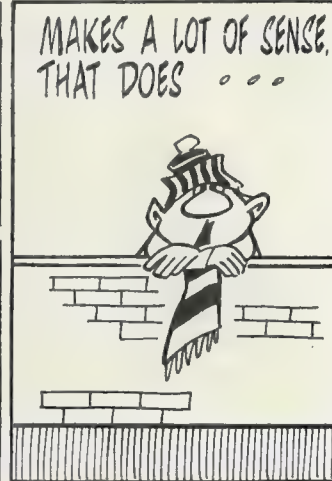


"There's something you ought to know, mate — you're standing on my knee-caps"



"Before you hang your hat up as the new manager, sir, the board has asked me to give you this message. You're sacked"

NOBBY



I REALLY believe this may be our year at last — because I've noticed one crucial difference this season. I must say straightaway I don't believe we are playing any better than in the last two years. We played well for the past couple of seasons without getting the reward for all our hard work.

I think we may be benefiting from having youngsters who have now got that little bit extra experience. But the big difference I feel that may tip the scales our way, is a little luck.

We haven't had the slightest bit of luck in the last two seasons when we've narrowly missed out. But already this term, I've noticed it has been different.

'Playing badly and winning a good sign'

WILLIE MORGAN (Bolton)



We have played badly in a couple of matches, had a slice of luck and come away with two points. It's happened a couple of times already and having seen that, I feel it may be a good sign that we're at last going to make it this year.

There are, perhaps, a couple of other encouraging factors about Bolton this season. We have a little bit more patience now and we don't get down so easily as we used to. I think that is because of experience — we are used to the pressures and the pitfalls a little bit more than we used to be and we can adapt better now if things don't go right straightaway.

Bolton and Burnden Park at the start of this season, was a nervous place. After narrowly missing out in the last two seasons, we were all worried about what would happen this term. But we got away to a great start and we managed to keep that momentum going.

Now, I feel that even if we hit the sort of indifferent form everyone goes through at some stage of the season, we are much better able to cope than we were before.

A lot of our players have improved this season, too. Jim McDonagh has come on leaps and bounds in goal since he joined us.

Why Bolton should go up—and Sunderland could stay down

Peter Nicholson, Sam Allardyce, Paul Jones and Peter Reid are also much better now.

But despite our high hopes of success this season, we won't be taking anyone casually — not after a recent episode. We went to London to play Fulham as clear leaders at the top.

During that week, Fulham had lost my old pal Georgie Best and they looked in complete disarray, especially after transferring Teddy Maybank to Brighton. It looked like two points on a plate for us.

But what happened? A 2-0 win for Fulham — and a Bolton side that went home with their tails between their legs.

What happened at Fulham was a good thing for us. It brought us back to our senses and made us realise we had to work for every point and couldn't just win when we felt like it.

Of course, our real test will come nearer the end of the season if we're still in contention for promotion. I can't say how we will measure up to that this time round because I don't think anyone will know until we're actually in the situation.

It will probably be in the back of our minds what happened in the last two years — it's bound to be. There is no way you can prevent that. But it won't necessarily be a handicap — it would work the other way and make us try harder.

I'm not making any firm predictions about anything — it's always unwise to do that in football. But let's say we are all hopeful.

From my own point of view, I've been fairly happy with my form so far. I think if you play on the wing, you rely a great deal on other people giving you the ball in the right situations.

When the team is winning and on top, it's much easier to play. Wingers tend to suffer if the midfield isn't on top but so far, I've been lucky to get some great service from our middle men. I've seen a lot of the ball and it's helped me enormously.

The Second Division is always interesting — this season is no exception. But it's true what they say — the First Division is really the only place to be.

hard to revert back to the Second Division style of play.

"I believe Spurs and Bolton will fill the top two places in the Second Division this season. And I reckon they can both do pretty well in the top flight if they do go up. I was very impressed with Spurs. And I don't think Bolton will slip up this time, either.

"Our mistake early this season was probably too much attacking away from home. We tended to give away a lot of goals away from Roker and found that although we were scoring two or three sometimes in an away match, we were only getting at best a point. That was ridiculous.

"We might have to close down a

'We attack too much away'

GARY ROWELL (Sunderland)

OVER confidence — that's what hit Sunderland's promotion bid in the early stages of this season. Midfield man Gary Rowell admits honestly that Sunderland's players got what they deserved.

"We probably thought it would be much easier to get straight back to the First, than we imagined," said Rowell.

"The boss warned us what it would be like but I guess we probably drew our own conclusions. We thought that a side that had done as well as we had in the second half of last season in Division One, would go straight back. It hasn't worked out as easily as that."

Indeed it hasn't. Sunderland, so impressive in that spell from Christmas to the end of last season, were desperately unlucky to go down by a single point.

But bad luck hasn't been the reason for their great disappointment so far this season. The Roker fans reached Christmas with their side a very moderate mid-table position — and already more than ten points behind the Second Division leaders. It was a tremendously disappointing first-half of the season — in fact, just like last year.

Rowell says: "Things could and should have been much better. I think we began to get the attitude right by Christmas this time but then we lost at home to Spurs in early December. That was a match we had to win.

"The boss has been proved right. We were a bit over confident. But now I think we've got a team of triers and everyone is giving 100 per cent. I think we probably need a good run of wins like we had in the First last season. But it will be very hard for us to do it now."

Rowell believes the main stumbling block for Sunderland in Division Two has been the pace of the game at the lower level.

"In the First Division, you get a lot more time," he explains. "In the Second the entire game is quicker, you never get time to settle on the ball and you can't organise or dictate the pattern of the game anything like as easily.

"We were enjoying that sort of football in the First and it's been



bit and not do quite so much attacking when we're away."

Rowell, himself, is reasonably happy with his form so far this season. "I've been playing in midfield with Bobby Kerr and Kevin Arnott.

"Bobby has been the one to give us experience and we've both learned a lot from him. But the real lesson we've all learned this season is about the difference in the game between the First and Second Division.

"Now we know, we have to fight in this Division. You can't just knock the ball around and think you have done enough. I've been surprised at the high standard in the Second. A lot of sides could go up and hold their own in the top Division, to my way of thinking.

"I think we're a good team, now, especially as we have now got our attitude right. With a bit of luck, I feel we can get back into the First Division — if not this season, then next.

"It has taught us a lesson, this term. Now we've got to make sure we can learn from our experience."

THE STORY OF PAT JENNINGS — N. IRELAND'S GREATEST 'KEEPER

U.E.F.A. Cup medals; plus the nomination of Player-of-the-Year from both sportswriters and the Professional Footballers' Association; it is easy to see why Jennings, with this remarkable record is ultra-demanding of himself.

Pat Jennings later discusses the implications of his move from Spurs to Arsenal with a frank expression of his form to date in The Gunners' title challenge. He also talks about the adjustment after so many years at one club, and the differences he had discovered in the methods of the two giants in North London.

But first the genial Irishman scans back over the years to reflect on the early beginnings, and produce some enlightening facts that have, hitherto, been undisclosed.

"When I was eleven I was picked to play goalkeeper for a team in an under-19 League. I was virtually playing against lads twice my age. I must have been the youngest in the League, without doubt. Really it was a joke."

The rest of the story involving the emergence of one of the world's best goalkeepers has been well documented. But it may come as a shock that the original recommendation to pluck Jennings from Irish football almost went unheeded.

Bill McCracken, now only a handful of years away from his 100th birthday, spotted Jennings playing in the Emerald Isle and made no hesitation in tipping off Watford.

"I never guessed at the time Pat would develop into such a great goalkeeper, but I instinctively

'I always fancied myself

In the back streets of terraced houses in Newry seven brothers caught the soccer bug in an area renowned for Gaelic football.

From those modest beginnings one of the brothers — the second eldest to be exact — grew up to build a reputation in soccer that still has a world wide reputation to this very day.

The lad from Newry has an unblemished record, a quiet family life style, and his dedication to the profession means at the age of 32 he still retains peak fitness, quick reflexes, and maintains his own very high standard of perfection.

The gentle giant among the country's top professionals is Pat Jennings.

It is indicative of the sheer greatness of the goalkeeper that when Spurs were relegated last season his reputation emerged unscathed.

Tottenham even had a record 8-2 humiliation at Derby, which Pat Jennings admitted was the most goals he had ever conceded in his staggering 16 years in English football. "It was more than I would let through in a practice game," commented Pat at the time.

But no one uttered a word of criticism against the Irishman,

who set up a record number of appearances at club and international level.

After 13 years' loyal and outstanding service at White Hart Lane, Pat Jennings was transferred for a modest £40,000 to neighbours and bitter rivals Arsenal, just in time for the start of this season.

It has been a huge wrench for Pat to move even the few miles across North London. It has been even harder than he anticipated because, by his own admission, he has failed to meet his self-imposed high standards.

With an F.A. Cup winner's medal; two League Cup winner's medals; a winner's and loser's

"We had a large family. There were eight children, but only one girl. With so many of us we didn't need anyone else to make up sides when we played in the street Leagues. We virtually had our own team.

"I was about five when I first enjoyed playing football in the streets. I always fancied myself as a goalscorer. Even now I enjoy playing a practice game in attack.

"There was no opportunity to play organised soccer at school because it was only Gaelic football. But there were the street Leagues. I suspect the soccer games on television captured the imaginations of the boys in the town.



LEFT . . . Jennings in early action for Spurs at White Hart Lane.

knew I had something special on my hands," recalls Bill, who is still scouting for the Fourth Division leaders.

"But they didn't seem too keen at first and I thought they were going to let him slip through. I warned them if they failed to act, then someone else surely would."

Watford took the hint. But Jennings wasn't long at Vicarage Road before Bill Nicholson, searching for a 'keeper to replace Scottish international Bill Brown, offered £27,000 for Jennings.

The offer by 1964 standards was a good one. But it must surely rank as Nicholson's shrewdest deal — or does it?

"Don't forget I signed players

like Dave Mackay and Jimmy Greaves just to mention a couple who turned out to be fair value for money. I couldn't really pick out one player, but certainly I would look back on Pat as one of my better signings," commented Bill Nicholson, who is now chief administrator and scout at White Hart Lane.

Pat's illustrious career at Tottenham reached the heights and depths last season. The bitter taste of relegation was the lowest ebb, while Pat also experienced the elation of an emotion-filled testimonial night at White Hart Lane against Arsenal.

Spurs have a long line of internationally famous goalkeepers, but none as great as Jennings. It leaves a near impossible task for 25-year-old Barry Daines to follow the maestro 'keeper. But Daines, who has waited seven years in Jennings' shadow, is determined to succeed.

Jennings finished his Tottenham career with a grand total of 590 League and Cup appearances.

His total of 472 League games

Pratt survivors from the glory years.

How has Jennings coped with his new career after the first few months of the season with Arsenal making a realistic Championship challenge?

"When I left Spurs there were two other clubs beside Arsenal who wanted me. But I turned down Ipswich and Aston Villa primarily because I was determined not to uproot my family. Arsenal gave me the opportunity to remain in the same house and avoid the upheaval of shifting.

"I've had more than my share of success at Tottenham but one goal had eluded me. I dearly wanted to be in a Championship team. For many years at Spurs we were seldom out of the top six and the title was always not too far away.

"Obviously that situation altered dramatically in the last few seasons. I felt my chances of a title success were over, for I never anticipated leaving Spurs. I was happy to stay there for the rest of my career.

"Now with Arsenal this season

the manager Terry Neill feels confident of my staying fresh for the next few years or he wouldn't have made the offer.

"After so many years at Spurs it was an odd feeling driving to London Colney for training instead of Cheshunt. It's just like switching offices after spending all your working years in one place.

"The switch was naturally helped by the fact half the Arsenal side are Irish, while one or two others have also come from Spurs!

"Willie Young is having a fantastic season and I'm enjoying having renewed my partnership with him in defence.

"This is my third spell with Terry Neill. I played with him in the Irish side while he was player-manager of the national team and also boss for a spell at White Hart Lane.

"Terry has a great right-hand man in Don Howe, who never ceases to amaze me by keeping the training programme interesting.

"Perhaps if the title eludes us this season we might be high enough to earn a place in Europe. It would be perfect to have the

myself over the years.

"There have been one or two games, and goals I've conceded where I haven't been happy.

"There was the Bob Latchford goal at Everton, when it was said the ball went through my legs, and one writer said it was a mistake that can be seen every day on the Marshes.

"That sort of criticism hurts because it's unfounded. I'm not over-sensitive, it's just I failed to hold a low hard cross.

"Despite all that I haven't heard a whisper of criticism from the Arsenal fans. They've been marvellous."

Finally Pat hasn't forgotten his pals at White Hart Lane. He's happy they look certain to bounce

as a goalSCORER!



ABOVE . . . The Northern Ireland goalkeeper and Cyril Knowles with the 1967 F.A. Cup.



ABOVE . . . In the Northern Ireland jersey . . . the most capped international for Ireland.

LEFT . . . Pat Jennings with former Spurs' boss Bill Nicholson after being presented with the Footballer of the Year award.

will take some catching. He holds the club record after surmounting Ted Ditchburn's total of 418 League appearances back in 1975.

Jennings reluctantly departed from White Hart Lane in the summer. He was more than willing to remain at the club, but manager Keith Burkinshaw had a complicated decision to make.

While there were other factors to consider it basically boiled down to a choice between the younger Daines, a man for the future, or stick with Jennings and face the inevitable transfer request from Daines.

Burkinshaw's decision wasn't easy. It ended an era at Spurs, with only Steve Perryman and John

has gone far better than I could have hoped for. But there is a long long way to go yet before we can claim to be in with a real shout of the title.

"But we have a very young side, well capable of establishing a challenge in the next couple of seasons.

"I hope to be part of that challenge. I signed a four-year contract at Arsenal and I'm still enjoying my game and I hope to serve out those four years which brings me to the age of 36.

"I would not have signed the long term agreement if I didn't feel I could honour it. I'm still as fit as I've ever been, and thankfully I've steered clear of injury. Obviously

chance to play in the U.E.F.A. Cup after enjoying so much success in that competition with Spurs.

"Bill Nicholson always said Spurs were nothing without Europe. And it is true the top teams thrive on Continental competition — just look at Liverpool."

Jennings deliberates on his own form, which he says he believes can be improved upon at his new club.

"The Highbury crowd have taken to me despite coming from Spurs, but I haven't really shown them my best form yet.

"I'm happy enough with the way I've played. But I'm not at my best. Perhaps it's the standards I've set

back into the First Division — even without his help.

Pat says: "I'm delighted for the players at the club. Obviously they are going back to where they belong. They were worthy to have stayed in the First Division because I felt there were teams worse than ourselves who stayed up.

"The players are all First Division material and I see no reason why they shouldn't return in style as Second Division Champions."

SOCCER is a very serious business these days, especially in the First Division.

The pressures and rewards are so great, competition so fierce, we can't really afford to play it for laughs.

It's sad, but one of the reasons for the decline in our game over the past few years is because players have stopped enjoying themselves, particularly on the field.

How many players do you see smiling when they come out on to the pitch?

Thank goodness more and more managers and coaches are realising football is a sport to be enjoyed by all, players included.

When Ron Greenwood took over as England manager, one of the first things he told the squad was he expected to see more happy faces on and off the field.

The result was we were more relaxed and became a closer unit.

The day Tommy Docherty signed me for Manchester United he told Pressmen he didn't buy me to play, only to be the joker in the Old Trafford pack and keep the lads laughing.

My party piece at any United function is an impersonation of Norman Wisdom, using Alex Stepney's goalkeeping cap as my main prop.

It all started one day before a big match. The dressing-room was

wolf mask, he had on a "skull".

Looking like something out of a horror movie we prowled round the building until we came to the dining room.

Beside the huge French doors, overlooking a patio, couples were enjoying their meal by candlelight.

We stared in through the windows. One man was so shocked he dropped his spoon in his soup!

Fortunately, when they realised it was only a couple of "nut cases" having fun, the diners took it in good part.

Mind you, one guest who staggered to the lift after a night of wining and dining suddenly turned and staggered back to the bar for another brandy, after coming face to face with England's two monsters.

Yes, a lot of funny things have happened to me on the way to the top with United.

The first occurred on the night I signed.

United had just lost 4-0 to Man. City at Maine Road in the League Cup and I couldn't find a free telephone to call Jackie.

Every phone was being used by newsmen, none of whom recognised me as the guy who had just joined United.

They pushed me out of the way as I tried to fight my way to a booth.

When I finally got through to Jackie, all she said was: "Oh that's nice, Gordon. When are you com-



Tommy Docherty in lighthearted mood during a photo session at United. He returns to Old Trafford this Saturday with his new club Derby.

'The Night of the Werewolf'

silent and edgy. Suddenly I saw Al putting his gloves inside his tattered cap, ready to take out on to the pitch. I told him it looked like his handbag.

He laughed and I grabbed the cap, put it on and went into my Norman Wisdom routine.

My England room-mate Paul Mariner got to hear of this and now he brings a similar cap with him on our international get-togethers.

Never a day passes with the England lads without one asking me to take off Norman.

Apart from P.M., my other comedy partner on international trips is his Ipswich team-mate Kevin Beattie.

We generally start the sing-songs on long coach journeys, and play most of the practical jokes.

One incident at our training headquarters in Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, almost frightened the life out of some of the guests.

"Beat" and I had bought grotesque masks from a joke shop and decided to go on the "rampage" through the grounds of the hotel one evening. I wore a were-

ing back home . . . and what do you want for your tea?"

She was completely disinterested. Manchester United, the most glamorous team in the country, were just another club to her. I don't think she even knew which Division they were in at the time.

When I told The Doc he collapsed with laughter.

As you can imagine I could fill all the pages of SHOOT with Tommy Docherty anecdotes.

The one incident which never fails to bring a smile to my face is the first day I took The Doc shooting.

At the beginning he carried his shotgun low and fired from the hip . . . real John Wayne style.

The first time he took aim was a real disaster.

There was this huge bush in front of a cluster of trees. On one of the branches was a young blackbird singing merrily away.

The Doc spotted it and decided it was fair game. So, he took careful aim and fired . . . both barrels!

There was this almighty explosion. The Doc was sent flying back-



my soccer scene

GORDON

HILL

Gordon Hill . . . or is it Norman Wisdom?



Kevin Beattie, seen here apologising for a foul on Holland's Robbie Rensenbrink, was Gordon's partner in "horrific" disguise.



wards through the air and landed in a pool of stagnant water and thick mud.

The gun went spinning yards away. When the smoke cleared, there was a great hole in the bush and one of the trees was almost cut in two. And the little blackbird? Completely unscathed, he was flying in the air blue with curses.

Do you remember that Gillette Ad on the TV, the one Stevie Coppel and I did with The Doc?

Well, I'm surprised they even managed to get it completed and in the can. As it was, it took three days instead of the scheduled one to shoot.

There was this technician who looked the spitting image of the actor who plays Columbo, even down to the grubby coat.

He was in charge of the lights and every time the director shouted "action" he had to walk on with an extra lamp for improved lighting.

During a break, Stevie and I kept

calling out "action". As if he was programmed, this Columbo geezer would suddenly run forward with the lamp thinking the director had started rolling the cameras.

Fortunately, "Columbo" was a United supporter and a couple of tickets for a home match soothed his annoyance.

A friend asked why Stevie and I looked as though we were campaigning for the Funny Walk Society in the ad.

The reason we appeared to be treading so deliberately was because we had to avoid tripping over the miles of cables on the floor.

Several times I pitched forward just as The Doc was about to say: "Stevie, Gordon, look at this" and landed in his lap.

I'm looking forward to seeing Tommy again this Saturday (January 21st) when his club Derby County visit Old Trafford.

United fans should give him a warm reception because he did a great deal for the club while he was here.

He's certainly revived the flagging Rams since taking over as manager. United can expect a hard match

because if I know The Doc he's going to return to Old T. determined to prove something. When he's in that mood an opposing team can be on a hiding.

But United have bounced back over recent weeks and have also got to prove something . . . that we are good enough to be challenging for a place in Europe next season.

We beat The Rams 3-1 in last term's corresponding fixture and naturally I'm hoping for a similar result in our favour.

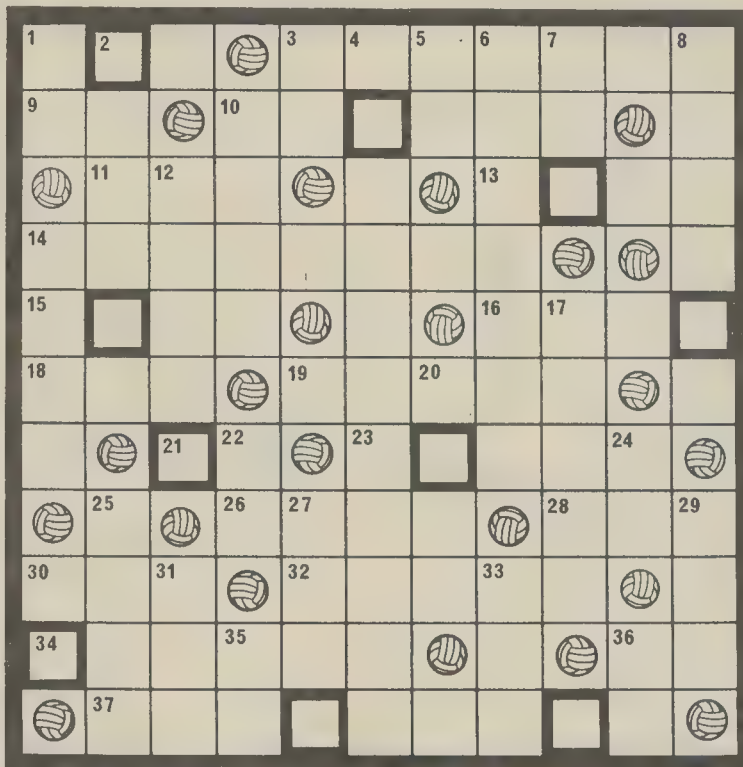
Sorry, Tommy Doc, this time I'm not joking.

Cheers for now.

Gordon Hill

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Chelsea midfield player. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) The number of times Blackburn Rovers have won the F.A. Cup.
- (3) John —, Wales striker.
- (9) Billy B---ds of West Ham United.
- (10) — Wanderers, from Burnden Park.
- (11) — Royle, Bristol City striker.
- (13) Take four letters from Crystal Palace to give another word for "class".
- (14) Italian club for whom Dino Zoff plays.
- (15) B-otham C---cent (York City).
- (16) -hi- N--l. Liverpool full-back.
- (18) -om- Pa-k, ground of Plymouth Argyle.
- (19) A good club and team undoubtedly give their fans — for money.
- (21) -p-tland. Rochdale's ground.
- (23) A manager who does not get results is likely to be treated thus.
- (26) Dennis —, Leicester City full-back.
- (28) Heart of Mi-l--hian.
- (30) Richie P---ing of Arsenal.
- (32) They support the crossbar.
- (34) Paul Bradshaw is the regular goal----- for Wolves.
- (36) Jim Pl-t- of Middlesbrough.
- (37) Birmingham City's ground. (2 & 7)

DOWN:—

- (1) The Thr--tles (W.B.A. nickname). The omissions in reverse.
- (2) Hurt or disable perhaps by a bad tackle.
- (3) Rod -h-mas, Cardiff and Wales defender.
- (4) Manchester United's ground. (3 & 8)
- (5) — James' Park, home of "The Magpies".
- (6) Tottenham —, of White Hart Lane.
- (7) -lan Ke-ned- of Newcastle United.
- (8) Kevin —, Norwich City goalkeeper.
- (10) The ----, play at Griffin Park.
- (12) Bristol R-----, from Eastville Stadium.
- (14) — Mahoney, Middlesbrough midfielder.
- (17) — Road, ground of Huddersfield Town.
- (20) Take four letters from The Filberts for falsehoods.
- (22) Tommy Tayl-- of West Ham.
- (24) --nato Nardiello of Coventry City.
- (25) B-r-ick Rang-r- (Scottish Second Division club).
- (27) Word which can describe a game where neither side is on top.
- (29) --rquay Uni-ed, from Plainmoor.
- (30) R--er Park, home of Sunderland.
- (31) --wing-on of Chelsea.
- (33) --- Rams, nickname of Derby County.
- (35) Derek --rkin of Wolves.
- (36) E--ter Road Park, Hibernian.



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VOLLEYED HOME...

ABOVE . . . Glenn Hoddle (light shirt) rises and scores with a spectacular volley against Crystal Palace last month (December). He hit both goals for Tottenham in a 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane.
BELOW . . . The perfect way to score a goal. Manchester City's Dennis Tueart (left) is airborne as he smashes

a shot into the Birmingham net during their 3-0 win.
BOTTOM OF PAGE . . . One of the best volleyers in the game today must be Leeds United's Peter Lorimer (white strip). Here, the Chelsea defence are powerless as "Lash" is on target at Stamford Bridge. The Elland Road club eventually won 2-1.



Dates of Rounds

F.A. CUP

Third Round.....	January 7th
Fourth Round.....	January 28th
Fifth Round.....	February 18th
Sixth Round.....	March 11th
Semi-Finals.....	April 8th
Final.....	May 6th

SCOTTISH CUP

Second Round	January 7th
Third Round	January 28th
Fourth Round	February 18th
Fifth Round	March 11th
First Semi-Final	April 5th
Second Semi-Final	April 12th
Final	May 6th

F.A. Cup 4th Round
Scottish Cup 3rd Round

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F.A. Cup Wins

Aston Villa 7, Blackburn Rovers 6, Newcastle United 6, The Wanderers 5, Tottenham Hotspur 5, West Brom 5, Sheffield United 4, Bolton Wanderers 4, Wolverhampton Wanderers 4, Manchester City 4, Arsenal 4, Manchester United 4, Sheffield Wednesday 3, Everton 3, Bury 2, Liverpool 2, Old Etonians 2, Preston North End 2, Nottingham Forest 2, Sunderland 2, West Ham 2, Barnsley 1, Blackburn Olympic 1, Blackpool 1, Bradford City 1, Burnley 1, Cardiff City 1, Charlton Athletic 1, Chelsea 1, Clapham Rovers 1, Derby County 1, Huddersfield Town 1, Notts County 1, Old Carthusians 1, Oxford University 1, Portsmouth 1, Royal Engineers 1, Leeds United 1, Southampton 1.

Scottish Cup Wins

Celtic 25, Rangers 21, Queen's Park 10, Hearts 5, Clyde 3, Vale Of Leven 3, Aberdeen 2, Dunfermline 2, Falkirk 2, Hibernian 2, Kilmarnock 2, Renton 2, St Mirren 2, Third Lanark 2, Airdrie 1, Dumbarton 1, Dundee 1, East Fife 1, Morton 1, Motherwell 1, Partick 1, St Bernard's 1.

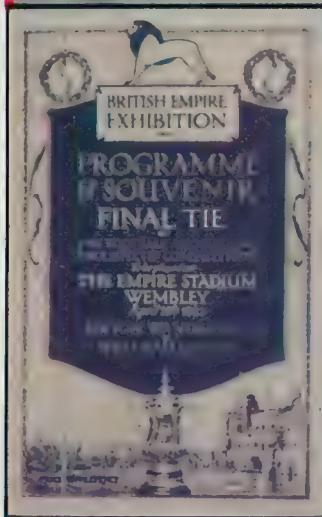
WALL



The kick-off of the Tottenham v Sheffield United F.A. Cup Final. Tottenham were then in the Southern League, but still beat United 3-1 in a replay after a 2-2 draw.



The third F.A. Cup trophy was made in Bradford and it was Bradford City who became the first holders when they beat Newcastle 1-0 after a 0-0 draw in the above game at Crystal Palace in 1911.



The programme cover of the first-ever F.A. Cup Final held at Wembley. Bolton beat West Ham 2-0. The first-ever Wembley goal being scored by David Jack of the Wanderers.



Arsenal skipper Charlie Buchan (left) shakes hands with Cardiff's Fred Keenor before the 1927 Final. Cardiff won 1-0 and became the only club to take the Cup out of England.

CHART 1978

Leeds and England star Tony Currie is in superb form this season and Leeds United will be hoping for a great Cup run.



THE second-half of the season brings short days, and ice, snow and slush. We asked a selection of players in different positions what effect the changed conditions have on their play. Is it like . . .

PLAYING IN A WINTER BLUNDERLAND?

GOALKEEPER

**Kevin Keelan
(Norwich City)**

GOALKEEPERS probably suffer most when winter starts to bite — but at least they're able to wrap up more than other players.

Kevin Keelan of Norwich doesn't believe you can have too much protection when the grounds are icy. He says: "I wear knee pads, arm pads and thigh pads when it's really bad. And of course, tracksuit bottoms are a must.

"The trouble is if you wear too much it restricts your movement, which makes the whole thing self-defeating.

"On the continent, goalkeepers wear black tights when it gets extra cold. They offered me a pair when we played in Norway but I told them I wasn't ready for the stage yet. You could imagine the remarks you'd get over here if you went out in tights."

Keelan was born in India, and he's still a sun-lover. That's why he's going to Los Angeles to play for the Aztecs in April.

"I don't like the winter at all. I have to treat all conditions alike or I wouldn't be able to do my job, but give me the sun anytime.

"Muddy conditions are okay, too. You can throw yourself around in that all day. But when the ground is hard, your bones seem to shudder every time you dive."

The other big problem in winter is playing under floodlights, for even at the best grounds you get moments when you lose the ball in the lights.

"We played at Chelsea just before Christmas and their lights were diabolical. I couldn't see a thing when they took a corner — I had to rely on memory.

"It's like that at a lot of grounds. Most players don't mind the winter too much, but as a goalkeeper you really earn your money."



Kevin Keelan isn't helped by the slippery conditions during winter.

DEFENDER

Allan Hunter (Ipswich Town)

THE thing Allan Hunter hates about winter is playing on frosty grounds, especially as it puts players at risk of injury from a simple fall.

Says the Ipswich centre-half: "We played at Newcastle last year in a game that was abandoned at half-time. Paul Mariner fell on his thigh in the opening minutes and hurt himself so badly he was out for the next few matches.

"So we had to go without him for a few games all because of a match that should never have been played.

"I don't like the icy grounds but I love it in the heavy conditions. I even prefer that to playing in the summer.

"I'm not sure why. You could say it's because I'm a defender but then some managers reckon the slippery conditions favour forwards more.

"I remember what a fabulous first-half of the season Andy Gray had last year and someone asked me at Christmas whether I thought he'd get 30 League goals.

"Most people seemed to think Andy was a cert but I predicted then he'd find it much more difficult after Christmas and that's the way it turned out.

"I think the second-half of the season is tougher anyway, because teams get tighter. Those that are worried about relegation or fighting it out at the top are bound to play it tighter than in the first-half of the season."

Hunter, like most players, has had his problems playing under floodlights, too.

"Our ground is supposed to be good but there are three or four spots where you lose the ball in the lights. You get used to those places on your own ground so you know when it's going to happen."

Allan Hunter doesn't like the frosty grounds, where injuries are common.

West Ham star Trevor Brooking welcomes the cold weather!



MIDFIELDER

Trevor Brooking (West Ham)

TREVOR Brooking is happy when the football season goes into its coldest spell.

Says the West Ham and England star: "I can't say I like playing in the hot weather at the start of the season and it all seems unreal when the temperatures are up in the eighties.

"I find myself wishing on the winter when it feels more like traditional English soccer weather.

"From a personal point of view I prefer the softer conditions because it encourages more goals. It's easier to commit defenders in those conditions and they are not able to recover as quickly either.

"West Ham seem to do well in the muddy conditions, probably because we are an attacking side, but I don't think particular teams tend to do well in certain conditions.

"One side who seemed to suffer when the weather changed last season was Chelsea. They went through a sticky spell when the

rains came, which probably had a lot to do with their pitch, and it worried a few people when they were going so well for promotion.

"The only thing I don't like in the winter are the icy tops, when the game becomes a lottery. But fortunately we've had some relatively mild winters recently with more rain than snow."

Brooking likes everything else about playing in the winter — especially the fact most games are under floodlights.

"The lights can be a problem for goalkeepers at corners, but I think if you asked most professional footballers they'd tell you that floodlights add a certain atmosphere to the game.

"It's traditional in this country to have soccer played on dark winter afternoons when you need the lights on from the start.

"I honestly think that when you get towards the end of the season and you can play in daylight again you lose some of the atmosphere."

STRIKER

John Richards (Wolves)

JOHNS Richards has often suffered literally from a glaring miss in front of goal — when the glare from the floodlights has temporarily blinded him.

Says the Wolves striker, normally so sure of the target anywhere in the box: "The fans don't realise how difficult it can be to play under lights. They've cost me quite a few goals.

"Often, you'll just see the fellow put over the cross and as you move in for the header, the ball disappears in the lights and sails over your head after you've landed. You feel a right idiot standing there — and you get called a few things as well."

That's just one of the hazards of playing after Christmas, when even daytime games have to be played under lights, and when conditions are never the same one week from the next.

"The trainer has to carry around more studs in the winter to be ready for any conditions.

"In the ice, we wear flat rubber boots and then there are leather or aluminium studs for our normal boots. They come in three sizes — short, medium or long. One week you may have the short ones in and the following Saturday, if it's heavy, you wear them like stilts."

Richards reckons it's tougher for strikers in the second-half of the season.

"I normally find I score more goals in the first-half of the season, especially as teams are more likely to attack then.

"On the hard pitches, it can sometimes be more of a forward's game but on waterlogged grounds, it's very frustrating. I call it kick and rush stuff in that sort of weather.

"I can never make up my mind whether the defender or the attacker benefits most, but I'm bound to say it's the defender."

John Richards scores v. Q.P.R. in the second game of the season.



FOOTBALL has given me many things ... moments I'll never forget, such as my double triumph in last year's Professional Footballers' Association poll. I can look back on around 90 League goals in just under 150 appearances for Dundee United and Aston Villa.

Soccer has also given me a lot away from the hurly burly of match day. More than anything it's made me confident as a person.

Believe it or not, deep down I'm a shy lad, although since being with

Villa I've come out of my shell.

As a Villa player I feel important ... that's what being with one of Britain's top clubs does for you.

I'd be a liar if I said I didn't like the sort of popularity that goes with my job. I don't mind being recognised and asked for my autograph or having a chat when I can.

I'll worry when people walk by without giving me a second glance. But the people in the Midlands are a good bunch and I now regard the area as my home — although I'm a Scot through and through!

Only once has being a footballer

given me a bad time, when I was 18 and just making a name for myself with Dundee United.

I was at a dance locally and a few followers of Dundee, the local rival club, duffed me up in the toilet. Nothing too serious, but it upset me to think people could be so vicious.

Now, as I get used to my new house on the outskirts of Birmingham, I have many things that without soccer would still be dreams.

Some footballers get "big time" when they hit the headlines, yet I still have the same circle of friends I had in Scotland. They'd soon tell

me if I stepped out of line!

My pals are always coming down to stay with me. One popped in for three days last summer and has been here ever since! He's got a job in the area now!

They joke that the reason I need a big house is to accommodate all my mates!

I think Ron Saunders would like to see me married. I'm not ready for it at the moment, however, and while I don't like to get on the wrong side of the manager ... marrying late runs in the family.

My two eldest brothers didn't get

'WHAT SOCCER

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

hitched until they were 30, and I have another who, at 27, is still on the loose. Still, you never can tell.

I enjoy my social life and had a lovely Christmas present from my girlfriend — an Old English Sheepdog puppy which we call Ben.

She drove up to the house in a taxi — rang on the bell — disappeared back into the cab — and came back with Ben in her arms. I couldn't believe it!

Ben has settled down well, even if I was rather busy with the bucket and mop for a few weeks!

It took us a while to find a name for him. We couldn't find one that suited him. Someone suggested Wellington, but I couldn't see myself running down the garden yelling "Wellington, come here!" One night my brother's girlfriend said: "How about Ben?" — and we agreed on that.

Away from football, I enjoy watching T.V., listening to music, being with my friends — and Ben.

Actually I like appearing on television. As I said, I'm more confident now and T.V. is the best way to become closer to the public.

I was thrilled to be with the I.T.V. "team" for the England/Scotland game last May. The only thing that could have pleased me more would have been to play in the match. Still, Scotland won comfortably enough without me, as if I need to remind anyone.

I have a pretty good relationship with the Press. Writing my article



"At home with Ben."

Men for all seasons

Could you tell me how many men have played both Test cricket and full international soccer for England since the last War?

**TED TUNKS,
HONITON.**

● Only two, Ted — and, now that both sports are pretty well all-year-round in play, my guess is they'll likely be the last two.

One was Arthur Milton (Arsenal and Gloucestershire) who played against Austria in 1951, and appeared in six Tests in 1958 and 1959.

The other was Willie Watson (Huddersfield and Sunderland, Yorkshire

and Leicestershire) who played against Northern Ireland and Italy in 1950, and Wales and Yugoslavia in 1951, and in 23 Test Matches between 1951 and 1958.

Captain Alf

Did former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey ever captain the full international side?

**DAVID TAYLOR,
WORKINGTON.**

● Sir Alf played 32 times for England, David — but, as he was a contemporary of regular skipper Billy Wright, his own chances of captaincy were obviously limited.

He was, however, the recognised deputy — and, in the 1950-51 season, led England against Wales, Yugoslavia, and Portugal in Wright's absence

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Numbers

When did players' shirts first have numbers on?

**COLIN EDWARDS,
FLEET.**

● As far as this country goes, Colin, it wasn't made compulsory until the Football League annual general meeting in the summer of 1939, just a few weeks before War broke out.

Numbered shirts, however, had been used before on rare occasions. Players in the 1933 F.A. Cup Final were numbered — in that case, from one to 22, right through from the Everton "keeper" to Manchester City's outside left — and both Arsenal and Chelsea experimented with the idea in opening games of the 1928-29 season. But it met with opposition, and didn't come to anything then.

for SHOOT every other week has been an eye-opener and has given me the opportunity to talk about subjects I wouldn't have had the chance to do otherwise.

Last season I was, possibly, over-exposed by the media. After a while you get sick of seeing your face in the papers!

Ron Saunders realised this and tried to shield me the best he could. He refused reporters a few interviews with me which, looking back, was probably wise.

The Press can put a lot of pressure on players, especially

since. I've only met George once — a few months ago at a five-a-side competition — and I was chuffed to find out he voted for me in last year's P.F.A. poll.

I'm not sure if I'd like to be THAT popular. My ambition is to have ten years at the top helping my club and country to honours and earning enough to secure my future.

A lot of folk call footballers money-grabbers, but it IS a short career and I want to ensure by the time I'm 35 I don't have to go looking for a job outside the game.

My dream is to design my own

people and I was happy to visit a few hospitals around Christmas. Seeing the kids' faces light up when they saw me made it all worthwhile.

A footballer has to watch how many personal appearances he makes and I don't mean charity visits.

Opening shops and going to dinners have to be rationed, otherwise they can take over.

I'm hoping that after Scotland win the World Cup in June I have an invitation for every day of the week!

My next big appointment is against Bristol City at Villa Park

(January 21st).

See you in two weeks,

Alex Cropley

HAS DONE FOR ME...'

youngsters. I don't take them too seriously, but I may be an exception.

As a teenager in Scotland I was likened to Denis Law — my boyhood hero — and I could only laugh at such comparisons.

Our own John Deehan is finding life difficult this season after doing so well last term. Dixie, as we call him, was given rave reviews but unfortunately has had a lean time this campaign.

I have the utmost faith in Dixie and he'll come good again, make no mistake.

I have a lot of sympathy for George Best, who had a tougher time with the Press than anyone. Even if he coughed it made news.

He was the last of our Superstars, nobody has reached his heights

house, possibly here in the West Midlands.

I worry about the game quite a lot. When I saw Alex Cropley carried off with a leg-break for the third time in his career it made me realise how lucky I am. That sort of thing can happen to any footballer.

I never think about it during a game, to do so would be fatal. Yet at home, most soccer stars have that sort of fear in the back of their minds.

Despite my success last season I went through a lean spell during the Spring and failed to score in 12 successive League games.

I used to get depressed at home asking myself what was going wrong, yet the next morning in training it was all forgotten.

Off the field I enjoy meeting



LEFT . . . "Alex Cropley's leg-break gave me food for thought."

RIGHT . . . "George Best voted for me in the P.F.A. poll."



Half-time dip?

My friend has tried to tell me Blackburn Rovers' ground once had a pond in the middle! Is he having me on?

IAN PIERCE,
WARRINGTON

● No true friend would do that, Ian — and he's dead right.

Mind you, it wasn't their present Ewood Park — where they've played since 1890 — but the first one they ever had, a rather rough old patch called Brookhouse Ground, when the club was founded by a group of old boys of Blackburn Grammar School in 1875.

They only played there for one winter before they could move on to a better home — but, while they did, the pond had to be covered with planks and turf before each game.

SHORT PASSES

● Bobby Moore played in 108 full internationals. Bobby Charlton in 105, and Billy Wright in 105.

(STEPHEN HARRIS,
Stammore)

● Gordon Hill scored 20 goals in 86 League games for Millwall before joining Manchester United.

(MARK HANSON,
London, S.E.7)

Ten goal thriller

Can you tell me who scored the ten goals in that famous 1960 European Cup Final at Hampden Park?

JOHN WOGAN,
LEYTON

● Winning the Cup for the fifth year running, John Real's seven goals were shared between the "terrible twins" of Ferenc Puskas (4) and Alfredo di Stefano (3).

But, although ultimately overwhelmed by the superb skill of the great Spanish side, Eintracht Frankfurt — who'd crushed Glasgow Rangers 6-1 and 6-3 in the Semi Finals — hit back gallantly with two goals from Stein and another from Kress.

Young "Chico"

Who's the youngest player ever to play in Chelsea's League side?

BILLY RADFORD,
LONDON, S.W.16.

● He was Ian "Chico" Hamilton, Billy — at the age of 16 years, four months, and 18 days.

It was a First Division game at Tottenham on 18th March, 1967 — and "Chico" celebrated by heading Chelsea's goal in the 1-1 draw.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

F.A. CUP (Second Round) (Continued)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
ENFIELD (1) 2 (Searle 2) 5,249
Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Bryant, Liddle, Robertson, Litt (Williams), Farrington, Best, Reilly, Martin, Christie.

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Johnson pen.)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 5,850
Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Austin, Harrison, Rogers.
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Smith (L), Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson (Cozens), Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Kemp 2)
SWANSEA (1) 2 (Curtis, Moore K) 11,863
Portsmouth: Figgins; Piper, Wilson, Ellis, Foster, Hand, Pullar, Denyer, Kemp, Pollock, Mellows.
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, James (A), James (R), Curtis, Moore (G), Moore (K).

PRESTON (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 2 (Davis, McNeil) 11,134
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, Burns, Coleman, Haslegrave (Spavin), Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.
Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

ROTHERHAM (2) 6 (Phillips 3, Crawford 2, Gwyther)
SPENNYMOOR (0) 0 4,788
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Womble, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther (Smith), Goodfellow, Crawford.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Maguire)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Summerbee) 4,482
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Durban, Griffin, Turner, Irvine, Hornsby, Maguire, Bates, Lindsay.
Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Smith, Loadwick, Prudham, Halford, Park, Massey, Summerbee.

SWINDON (0) 2 (Prophet, McHale)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips pen.) 8,447
Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Aizlewood (Ford), Prophet, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.
Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Allen, Salman, Kruse, Lloyd, Graham (W) (Rolph), Graham (J), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.

WALSALL (1) 1 (Wood)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Beamish) 5,978
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell (Shelton), Hynd, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, Robertson.
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe (Hemmerman), Lamb, Brownbill, Beamish, Bailey.

WATFORD (1) 2 (Jenkins, Mercer)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 11,907
Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mercer (Mayes), Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard.
Colchester: Walker, Cook, Wignall, Leslie (Foley), Packer, Downman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Williams, Allinson.

WEALDSTONE (1) 2 (Furphy, Duck, pen.)
READING (0) 1 (Earles) 3,800
Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hiron, Moreline, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Bennett.

WIGAN (0) 1 (Whittle)
SHEFF. WED. (0) 0 13,871
Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Grant, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wyld, Johnson, Tynan, Rushbury, Bradshaw (Prendergast).

FOURTH DIVISION

HALIFAX (1) 3 (Bullock, Flavell, Johnston)
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Scott) 1,918
Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Smith, Dunleavy, Trainer, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Johnston.
Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Green, O'Loughlin, Scott, Bos'lem, Owen, Morrin, Melledew, Scaife, Hoy.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 3 (Holmes, Baines, Butler)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 3,544
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson, Butler.
Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Davies, Summerill, Connell, Leslie (Denny).

SCOTTISH PREMIER

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
AYR (1) 2 (McCutcheon, McCall) 1,500
Clydebank: King; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormick, Houston (Hay), O'Brien, Callaghan (McCallan), Larnach, Gourlay, McNaughton.
Ayr: Sproat; McDonald, Murphy, McAllister, Hyslop, McAnespie, Hannah, McCall, McCutcheon, McLaughlin, Cramond.

DUNDEE UTD. (1) 2 (Wallace 2)
PARTICK (1) 2 (Somner pen., O'Hara) 6,000
Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland; Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace (Dodds), Kirkwood, Fleming, Payne.
Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Campbell, Houston, Somner, Gibson, O'Hara, Craig.

HIBS (1) 2 (Murray, Duncan)
ABERDEEN (0) 0 6,600
Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Brazil, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, McGhee.
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Glennie, Cooper, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper, Gibson (Fleming), Robb (Davidson).

RANGERS (1) 3 (Smith 2, Johnstone)
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Miller, P) 17,500
Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McKean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
Motherwell: Rennie; Miller (P), Wark, McLaren (Watson), McVie, Stevens, Miller (J) (Kennedy), Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson, Purdie.

ST. MIRREN (1) 3 (Stark, McGarvey, Munro)
CELTIC (1) 3 (McAdam, Lynch pen., Craig) 17,000
St. Mirren: Hunter (A); Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Munro, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.
Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Glavin (Wilson), McAdam, Craig, Conn (Dowie).

MONDAY, DEC. 19

F.A. CUP (Second Round replays)

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Beamish)
WALSALL (0) 3 (King, Shelton, Bates) 7,051
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Brownbill, Beamish, Bailey.
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Harrison, Hynd, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King (Shelton).

SOUTHEND (2) 4 (Moody, pen., Parker, Laverick, Morris)
AP LEAMINGTON (0) 0 5,879
Southend: Rafters; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Yates, Townsend, Morris, Foggon, Parker, Fell, Hadley.

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Prudham)
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Maguire, Lindsay) 8,370
Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Durban, Irvine, Nixon, Lindsay, Bates, Maguire.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

F.A. CUP (Second Round replays)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Carmichael, Slough)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 8,542
Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Sargent, McEwan, Carmichael.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Williams (Weatherly), Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.



Bristol City's Gerry Gow scored one of the goals in his side's 3-1 home win v. West Brom.

SWANSEA (1) 2 (Denyer o.g., Moore G.)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Foster) 8,000
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, James (A), James (R), Curtis, Moore (G), Moore (K).
Portsmouth: Figgins; Denyer, Wilson, Ellis, Foster, Hand, Pullar, Kemp, Green, Stokes, Mellows.

LEAGUE CUP (Fourth Round replay)

COVENTRY (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Case, Dalglish) 36,105
Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Hughes, Thompson, Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Fairclough, Heighway, McDermott, Case.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

F.A. CUP (Second Round replay)

SCARBOROUGH (1) 2 (Woodall, Donoghue)
CREWE (0) 0 7,341
Crewe: Crudgington; Roberts, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Purdie, Davies (D), McGinley, Davies (W), Bevan, Tully.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Robb, Gibson, Harper, Jarvie)
RANGERS (0) 0
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper, Gibson, Robb.
Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith (Parlane), Cooper.

CELTIC (0) 1 (Edvaldsson)
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 21,000
Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Dowie, Doyle, Edvaldsson, McAdam, Craig, Conn (Wilson).
Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Kirkwood, Wallace (Addison), Fleming, Payne.

HIBS (1) 2 (McLeod, Paterson)
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Pettigrew) 8,305
Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart (Edwards), Brazil, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson (Paterson), Duncan, McGhee.
Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (Kennedy), Wark, Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, McLaren, Miller (J) (Purdie).

PARTICK (1) 4 (O'Hara 3, Houston)
AYR (0) 1 (McLaughlin) 7,500
Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Henderson, Campbell, Houston, Somner (Melrose), Gibson, O'Hara, Craig.
Ayr: Sproat; McDonald, Murphy, Fleming, Hyslop, McAnespie, McAlister (Hannah), McCall, McCutcheon, McLaughlin, Cramond (Christie).

ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (McGarvey, Hyslop)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 7,000
St. Mirren: Hunter (A); Beckett, Richardson, Fitzpatrick (Dunlop), Reid, Copland, Munro, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Hyslop.
Clydebank: King; Hall, Abel, Fulton, McCormack, Hay (Ronalds), O'Brien, Lumsden, Larnach, McColl, McCallan.

BOXING DAY, DEC. 26

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Price, Rix, O'Leary)
CHELSEA (0) 0 46,074
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, MacDonald, Stapleton (Simpson), Rix.
Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott (Lewington), Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Deehan)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Wallace) 43,571
Villa: Rimmer; Gregory, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cowans, Carrodus.
Coventry: Blyth; Oakey (Beck), McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

BRISTOL C (0) 3 (Gow, Ritchie 2)
W.B.A. (1) 1 (Brown T) 28,879
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Gillies, Whitehead (Mabbutt).
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis (Cunningham), Robson, Johnston.

EVERTON (0) 2 (Latchford, Dobson)
MAN. UTD (2) 6 (Macari 2, Hill, Greenhoff (J), McLroy, Ross o.g.) 48,335
Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson (Ross), Thomas.
Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Houston, McLroy, Greenhoff (B) (Grimes), Houghton, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Ritchie, Macari, Hill.

LEICESTER 0
MIDDLESBROUGH 0 18,476
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Sims, Wollett, Rofe, Kelly, Williams, Samuels, White, Davies, Hughes.
Middlesbrough: Cuff; Craggs, Bailey, Souness, Hickton, Ramage, Hedley, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.

MAN. CITY (0) 4 (Tueart 3, Kidd)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 45,811
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power (Bell), Barnes, Owen, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.
Newcastle: Carr; Natrass, Barker, Cassidy, Bird, Blackley (Gorry), Martin, Burns, Cannell, Craig (T), Robinson.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Ryan)
IPSWICH (0) 0 27,887
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Suggett, Gibbins, Paddon (Reeves), Peters.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Viljoen, Mariner, Whymark (Gates), Woods.

NOTT. FOREST (1) 1 (Gemmill)
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Heighway) 47,218
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Heighway, Fairclough, Case (Callaghan).

Q.P.R. 0
DERBY 0 18,197
 Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, James, Francis, Givens, Bowles, Eastoe.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Daniel, Daly, Powell, Todd, Curran, Rioch, Masson, George, Ryan.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Curbishley)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 25,572
 West Ham: Day; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Curbishley.
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

WOLVES (0) 3 (Richards 2, Patching)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Jordan) 27,704
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Patching.
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney (Lorimer), Gray (F), Cherry, McQueen, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Jordan, Flynn, Graham.

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (1) 2 (Allardice, Whatmore)
NOTTS CO (0) 0 22,647
 Bolton: McDoragh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardice, Morgan, Whatmore, Train, Reid, Worthington.
 Notts Co: McManus; McVay, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Richards (L) (Smith), Bradd, Vinter, Mann, Hooks.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Horton)
BRISTOL R. (1) 1 (Powell) 25,509
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin (Potts), Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Williams, Gould, Staniforth, Powell (Randall).

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Morley, Noble pen.)
BLACKBURN (3) 3 (Wagstaffe, Fear, Brotherton) 27,200
 Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Ingham (Cochrane), Hall, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird (Keeley), Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Fear, Wagstaffe, Parkes, Taylor.

C. PALACE (1) 3 (Silkman 2, Sansom)
LUTON (3) 3 (Price, Boersma, Fletcher R.) 22,027
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder (Walsh), Cannon, Nicholas, Chatterton, Fenwick, Swindlehurst, Harkouk, Silkman.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, Jones, Stein, Hill, Fletcher (R), Fucillo, Boersma.

HULL (0) 0
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Daniel o.g.) 7,270
 Hull: Wealands; Daniel, DeVries, Lord, Dobson, Roberts, Nisbet, Haigh, Warboys, Sunley (Bannister), Stewart.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Young.

MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Foster C., Bird)
FULHAM (1) 1 (Mitchell) 8,457
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Cooke, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Money, Lacy, Hatter, Bullivant (Mahoney), Gale, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Brisley pen.)
TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Taylor, Lee, Duncan) 15,036
 Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Cross (Tagg), Seaman, Lee, Hamilton, Chambers.
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, McAllister, Hoddle, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.

SHEFF. UTD. (1) 2 (Woodward 2)
ORIENT (0) 0 18,370
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun (Edwards), Franks, Woodward, Speight, Stainrod, Hamson, Hamilton.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Roeder, Chiedoie, Allen, Mayo, Kitchen, Glover.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (MacDougall, 'Boyer, Ball)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Robson) 21,861
 Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Hebbard.
 Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Larmour, Giles, Sayer, Robson, Bishop, Grapes (Buchanan).

STOKE (0) 4 (Busby, Crooks, Scott, Conroy)
CHARLTON (0) 0 14,345
 Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Bloor, Waddington, Conroy, Busby, Scott, Crooks.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Shaw, Tydeman, Campbell, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, Abrahams.

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Rowell 2, 1 pen)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hatton) 30,628
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Roston (Lee), Arnott, Greenwood, Entwistle, Rowell.
 Blackpool: Ward; McEwan, Weston, Waldron, Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow, Tong, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (0) 2 (Davis o.g., Hutchins)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (McNeill) 6,326
 Bradford C: Downsbrough; Spark, Podd, Fretwell, Middleton (Jones), Watson, Martinez, Dolan, Wright, Grimes, Hutchins.
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeill, Whittle, Cartwright.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Biley, Finney)
PORT VALE (0) 0 6,124
 Cambridge: Hansbury; Batson, Smith (L), Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan (Cozens), Finney, Biley.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Cullerton, Lamb, Brownbill (Hemmerman), Beamish, Bailey.

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Wood o.g., Tait)
WALSALL (0) 0 10,323
 Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Carr, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.

CHESTER (0) 1 (Crossley)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 5,701
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Durban, Irvine, Nixon, Lindsay, Bates, Maguire.

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Froggatt)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Graham) 5,840
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Downman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Williams, Allinson.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Hubbard, Neale, Leigh, Wigginton, Cooper, Fleming, Graham, Harford, Smith, Harding.

GILLINGHAM 0
PORTSMOUTH 0 9,811
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt (Weatherly), Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Denyer, Wilson, Ruggeiro, Foster, Hand, Pullar, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.

HEREFORD (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 5,625
 Hereford: Mellor; Price, Burrows, Layton, Jefferson, Sheedy, Stephens, Briley, Davey, Marshall, Emery.
 Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Anderson, McEwan, Carmichael.

OXFORD (3) 3 (Foley 2, Stott)
SWINDON (0) 3 (Kamara 2, Guthrie) 8,746
 Oxford: Milkins; Fogg, Drysdale, Stott, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Trollope, Kamara, Aizlewood (Carter), Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Johnson, Craven)
EXETER (1) 2 (Roberts, Kellow) 12,349
 Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Megson, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Harrison (Taylor), Austin, Horswill, Rogers.
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Jennings (Heale), Kellow, Randall, Roberts, Holman.

PRESTON (3) 4 (Bruce 2, 1 pen., Elwiss, Coleman)
BURY (0) 0 10,297
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns (Spavin), Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, Suddick, Whitehead, Robins, Hamstead (Thomson).

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Phillips)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Parker, Cammack) 6,599
 Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Matthews, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford (Wombie).

Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Parker, Kowalski, Dearden.

TRANMERE (2) 3 (Tynan 3)
SHEFF. WED. (0) 1 (Tynan) 5,619
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
 Sheff. W.: Turner; Walden, Grant, Dowd, Cusack (Prendergast), Rushbury, Mullen, Johnson, Tynan, Wyld, Porterfield.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Needham)
BRENTFORD (0) 0 8,175
 Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Hooper, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Allen, Salmon, Kruse, Lloyd, Graham, Carlton (Aylott), Allder, McCulloch, Phillips.

BARNLEY (3) 4 (Warnock 2, Peachey, Joicey)
CREWE (0) 0 5,567
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins (Hinch), Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peachey, Little, Brown.
 Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Cheatham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), Roberts, Purdie, Coyne, McGinley (Lugg).

DARLINGTON (0) 3 (Ferguson, Stone 2)
SOUTHPORT (0) 0 2,274
 Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.



Peter Taylor opened the scoring when he netted for Spurs in their 3-1 away win v. Millwall.

Southport: Harrison; Higham, Kisby, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Birchall (Joel), Wilson, Brookfield, Gay, Jones.

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Snodin)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Wigg) 5,097
 Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Robinson, Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Habbins, O'Callaghan, Snodin, Bentley.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davey, Peacock, O'Donnell, Czuczman, Oates, Lee (Bridges), Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.

GRIMSBY (0) 0
HALIFAX (0) 0 6,051
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Lester, Liddell (Drinkell), Donovan, Partridge, Brolly.
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Loska, Johnston (Bradley), Dunleavy, Trainer, Smith, Carroll, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Gray, Mountford)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 5,706
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown (Eccles), Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Branagan, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.
 Southend: Rafter; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Yates, Townsend, Morris, Foggon, Parker, Fell, Hadley.

NEWPORT (3) 3 (Williams 2, Clark)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Impey 2) 7,629
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell (Preece), Emanuel, Jones, Aizlewood, Guscott, Goddard, Clark, Byrne, Williams.
 Bournemouth: Chalk; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard, Barton.

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (Scaife 2, O'Loughlin)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 1,283
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Green, Morrin, Boslem, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Melledeew, O'Loughlin, Esser.
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Bithell, Davies (Denny), Summerill, Parsons, Leslie.

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Prudham, Rutter)
READING (0) 0 4,777
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson (Fletcher), Loadwick, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Sutton, Hiron, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Bennett, Davies.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (James, R. pen)
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Coffill) 5,500
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, James (A), James (R), Curtis (Griffiths), Moore (G), Moore (K).
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Boulton, Dunne, Brown, Coffill.

WATFORD (2) 3 (Mayes, Downes, Pollard)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 15,003
 Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard.
 Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Bryant, Liddle, Robertson, Litt, Mead, Martin, Reilly, Williams, Christie.

YORK (1) 1 (Novacki)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 3,367
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki, Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Hartlepool: Livesey; Malone, Wiggitt, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, Smith (G), Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

Features and photos — F.A. CUP ROUND 4 — SCOTTISH CUP ROUND 3

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TALK

Nottingham Forest v Arsenal Saturday, January 21st

Nottingham Forest, newly promoted, have been the success story so far this season, storming into a five point lead earlier this month and looking good for the Championship. But they haven't had things all their own way. One of their setbacks came on their first visit to London, when Arsenal trounced them 3-0. Now Arsenal go to City Ground aiming for a League double, while Forest plan revenge...

Arsenal's Richie Powling (dark shirt) in a heading duel with Forest's Ian Bowyer.

PRICE: You seem to be having a fantastic season, not that there's anything surprising about that. You must be delighted you made the move to Forest.

SHILTON: It's been a marvellous move. I had always wanted to play under Brian Clough and I could tell from my very first game Forest were a side capable of challenging the best. I said then we would be one of the top teams in Division One this season.

PRICE: Of course, you didn't play at Highbury when we won 3-0. We played Forest off the park that day. To be fair, Kenny Burns and Larry Lloyd both had shaky games in the defence but I think we would have won in any case because everything we did seemed to come off. I know because I saw every move from the sub's bench — there was no chance of me getting on unless there was an injury.

SHILTON: I didn't play in that game, as you say, but I saw it on television. Like you, I didn't think Forest played particularly well, although I thought 3-0 a little flattering to Arsenal.

PRICE: We were the first side to beat you this season and since then you've lost at Chelsea and scrambled a draw at West Ham so perhaps you've got some aversion to playing London sides.

SHILTON: I don't think so because we won well enough at Queens Park Rangers and thrashed West Ham 5-0 in the League Cup before I arrived. It's interesting, though, that some of our least convincing performances have been in London. Chelsea, in fact, was the one match I've played in where I thought we really didn't deserve anything.



'We played Forest off the park' —

**DAVID PRICE
(Arsenal)**

PRICE: I was disappointed with Forest at Highbury but you've obviously done remarkably well since. People keep saying you're bound to crack up but at this stage of the season, I can't see it happening. I feel it's up to the sides just below to find some of your consistency, rather than waiting for you to slip up.

SHILTON: Consistency is the key word. Other sides in the title race have flattered for a while and then lost a few on the trot. We've been beaten, naturally, but never had a long spell out of form.

PRICE: I'm really looking forward to the match against you, especially as I think we've got the players to beat you. Playing away from home won't bother us. We have a fantastic record on away grounds and we know a draw won't be good enough at your place if we want to win the



'We're confident of two points' —

**PETER SHILTON
(Nottm. Forest)**

Championship.

SHILTON: It's certainly a game that's worth four points in terms of the title. But we have done very well at home this season, and we have had great support from the crowd. So we are always confident of two points at the City Ground.

PRICE: You are already an established First Division player, of course, Peter. But for me, it's an extra thrill finding myself involved in the battle at the top because it's my first full season at this level. I came in a few years back at 18 but I almost gave up hope of playing in Division One when I went on loan to Peterborough and then suffered a bad ankle injury on returning to Highbury.

SHILTON: You seem to be okay now. People keep asking me if I'm having my easiest ever season with the team doing so well. I've

found in some games we've dominated so much I've needed to make just the one serious save but that requires more concentration sometimes than when you're under pressure for 90 minutes. And I've had my hard games, too, I can assure you.

PRICE: Archie Gemmill is a player who impresses me in your side. He's a player who knows the game inside out and he looks to have done a lot for your midfield.

SHILTON: Archie's had some great games but then you can say that about most players in the side. I know Kenny Burns didn't play well at Highbury but he's been playing out of his skin ever since. He's a world class defender. Then there's John Robertson and John McGovern — as I say, you can go through the whole team.

PRICE: Liam Brady is having one of his best seasons for us and Graham Rix has made a big difference, too. He has got so much skill and flair he takes your breath away at times. They're the sort of players I was referring to when I said we had the men to beat you.

SHILTON: We'll have to see about that. We don't make rash predictions here. We are very happy about how things have gone so far and although we respect the teams behind us such as yourselves, and the likes of Everton, Liverpool and Manchester City, we're not afraid of anyone.

PRICE: Well, as I say, we'll be looking for both points so we intend to make sure you are busy on this occasion.

SHILTON: I look forward to it, David — but you'll have to go some to win. We haven't been beaten at home yet this season.

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? ☐ Show your allegiance! Sport the jerseys the players themselves wear - Umbro International. ☐ Umbro official team jerseys come in each team's correct colours and styles and feature embroidered authentic team badges. ☐ To be absolutely sure you're buying the real thing, look for the Umbro diamond trade mark. It's your guarantee of quality and genuine authenticity. Accept no substitute. Beware of imitations! ☐ As well as jerseys, you can also get team shorts and hose - and for many teams, both home and away strip and team track suits too. ☐ Wear your team's jersey or kit on match day - or every day. Umbro official team jerseys and kit are obtainable from good sports outfitters and club souvenir shops.

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CAR: Datsun
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FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Wrexham
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MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Rain, shaving and gardening
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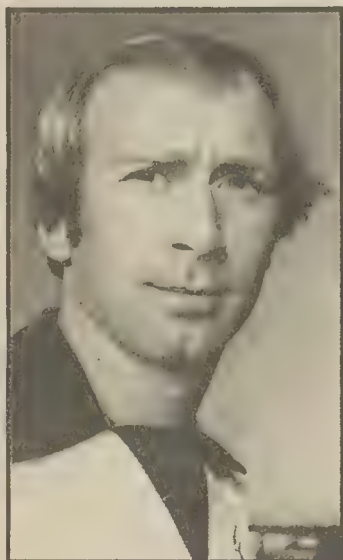
LEFT: Charlton winger Hugh McAuley opens his team's account against Spurs at The Valley.



Liverpool midfielder Terry McDermott beats Derby's Charlie George for the winner at Anfield.



Ayr United's



Gordon Cramond

through his fingers and that was that!"

Aberdeen, in fact, have played a prominent part in Stuart's career. He actually signed Geoghegan later on, although he has now moved on again, and McCall, too, came from Aberdeen.

"I thought he was far too good for the reserves," said Stuart. "He had always looked the part to me when I had seen him in the Pit-todrie first team.

"He is lethal in the air, I suppose that's only natural when you consider his size, but he's quick on the deck, too. He has a wonderful shot and there are lot of goalkeepers who will surely testify to that."

While McCall spearheads the Ayr front-line, Cramond supplies the ammunition for him to fire. Cramond, another shrewd buy from St. Johnstone by Stuart, plays in the same manner as Not-

Little & Large

LITTLE and Large are a highly successful comedy double-act. It is their job to make people laugh. However, there is another 'Little and Large' twosome in Scottish soccer... and it's their job to make defenders cry!

Those 'performers' are Walker McCall and Gordon Cramond, of Ayr. McCall, over 6ft, is, of course, 'Large' while Cramond, who is just over 5ft 5in, is 'Little', naturally enough.

This unlikely combination makes and takes goals for Ayr United, the little part-time Somerset Park club who have confounded critics by remaining in the Premier Division over the past two seasons.

It's been a struggle for the club and this season has turned out to be another battle against relegation. They are a friendly club, who put the accent on skill and they have one of the best young managers in Scotland in Alex Stuart, who took over when Ally MacLeod left to become boss of Aberdeen. Ally is now, of course, the mastermind behind Scotland's World Cup bid.

Management

"Ironically, my first game in charge of Ayr at Somerset Park was against Ally's Aberdeen," says Stuart, who broke into management with Montrose.

"All the lads were desperate to do well and I was absolutely delighted when we won 1-0. The only goal of the game was a lofted ball from left-back John Murphy that was swept downfield.

"It didn't look particularly dangerous, but for some reason or another I knew it was going to end up in the net. Goalkeeper Andy Geoghegan came for it, let it slip



Walker McCall

tingham Forest's great little battler Archie Gemmill.

It says a lot for Cramond's special talents that critics thought he should have won the Scottish Player of the Year award two seasons ago. It was won, of course, by SHOOT columnist John Greig, the Rangers' skipper, but Greig was quick to say: "Cramond could have won the title.

"He certainly impressed me with his never-say-die spirit and skilful play. He is a good all-round player who just does not know the meaning of the word 'defeat'. That's the sort of player I admire."

Ayr United may struggle to remain among the big boys in Scotland's top Division, but they are no joke side... 'Little and Large' make certain of that!

PARTICK THISTLE have had many of their players wearing the dark jersey of Scotland in recent years. Alan Rough, Denis McQuade, Bobby Houston, John Hansen, Alex Forsyth (now Manchester United) and Alan Hansen (now Liverpool) have all represented their country.

Jimmy Bone, too, broke through shortly after leaving Thistle for Norwich. Another Firhill starlet ready to make a permanent international breakthrough is left-back Brian Whittaker, who has been earning rave notices this season.

Whittaker already figures in Scotland's future plans and it's not surprising when you see him in devastating action.

"It's great to see young Brian maturing all the time," says Firhill manager Bertie Auld. "He is a good defensive player who likes to attack whenever the opportunity arises.

"He plays in the modern manner and he is developing superbly. He is just one of the many fine youngsters I have at Firhill. He hasn't been long in senior soccer, but he is already playing with maturity."

Whittaker, not surprisingly

A breakthrough for Brian?

known to his team-mates as 'Roger', first made the headlines when he scored a marvellous winning goal against Rangers in the League last season.

"I won't forget that goal in a hurry," says Whittaker. "I've always had a soft spot for Rangers, but it was good to score the winner against them. To be honest I shouldn't have scored that goal. In fact, I should never have been in that position in the first place!

"The boss, Mr. Auld, told me to stick tight to Tommy McLean, the Rangers' playmaker. Anyway, there was only one minute left and McLean went back to help out his defence.

"I decided to keep doing my shadow act... even in the Rangers half of the field! Then a cross came over from John Hansen. I saw Doug Somner going for it and I saw my chance.

"I sprinted away from McLean, Somner knocked it down for me and I didn't break stride to hit it with my right foot, my weakest, past Stewart Kennedy. Marvellous!"

Whittaker's form has interested many clubs, including West Ham, who have never been recognised



as big buyers in the Scottish market. In fact, one of their last deals North of the border was ten years ago when they paid £65,000 to Kilmarnock for their international goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson, who has just replaced Mervyn Day in the first team at Upton Park.

The Firhill star is an entertainer. He comes forward as much as possible, but he never takes unnecessary risks. Goalkeeper Alan Rough says: "Brian's never far from the action, whether it's in attack or defence.

"When I've got the ball he is always in the open looking for a quick throw to set off an attacking motion. If he wasn't such a good full-back I would say he should have been a winger.

"He never gets 'lost' up-front. Other full-backs join their attack, but they don't seem to know what to do with the ball sometimes. They don't know how to use it properly. That's not one of Brian's problems. He knows when to put it across, low or high. He also knows when to bring it inside and work a one-two or have a go."

It could be that Whittaker will soon be a team-mate of Rough's... in the Scottish side!

'WHEN GAMES LOSE THEIR APPEAL...'

HARDLY a day goes by without someone complaining about the Premier Division in Scotland. There aren't enough teams in it... relegation should be scrapped... the pressure is killing the entertainment. These are some of the moans.

Okay, so what do I think about the ten-team Division which is now in its third year? Straight away, let me say that it is far from being the ideal solution to prevent the crowds from dwindling. It was because of the frightening drop in fans attending games the new set-up was brought into being.

Statistics say figures have been up this season on last and that can't be a bad thing. However, I think games tend to lose their appeal when teams face each other too many times.

Take our Old Firm tussles against Celtic, for instance. They always used to be a sell-out. That's not the case today. We play them four times in the League and, say, we were drawn against them in an early stage of the League Cup. That would be another two games and then, of course, we could play them in the Scottish Cup. That would be SEVEN Old Firm matches in one season. In fact, it could be even more if there were any replays!

Over-exposure can sometimes ruin a product. It's possible the colour of Rangers v. Celtic games might start to fade if we face each other too many times.

Another thing about a short Division is the fact there is very little difference between the top and bottom teams. At one stage Hibs were third from the bottom, then a couple of wins had them looking for a place in Europe!

After January 7th the League table had us at the top with 32 points... three more than Aberdeen, who had played a game more. After that only five points separated seven teams. There's very little in it as you can see.

Managers and players, too, say there is far too much pressure on



them. Fans complain teams are frightened to express themselves. Relegation has put fear into everyone.

Speaking for Rangers I can't say we have been frightened to open up and play attacking soccer. There are teams, though, who have not adopted that same policy.

It is obvious some managers are happy to hold on to the point they have before the game starts. The

point is not one lost, but one gained. I think that is a sad state of affairs.

The Premier could, then, back-

fire. Like I said earlier, the main aim was to attract fans and to do away with the so called "meaningless" fixtures. Some bosses have campaigned for scrapping relegation.

I don't think that would be fair to the teams fighting for promotion from the First Division. I presume if no one goes down, no one will come up. I feel you must reward clubs for their efforts and certainly if a team got to the top of its particular Division they would want something to show for it. I wouldn't like to be the one to tell the club who win the First Division this season that they wouldn't be promoted!

Obviously, I don't know how long the Premier will be in being. There could be a change in the future. There have already been moves to have a new set-up, but I think you must give everything time to prove its worth.

The main thing, so far as myself and everyone at Rangers is concerned, is we end up at the top of the pile come the end of every season. We don't care whether it is a ten-team or a two-team or a 42-team Division, for that matter, so long as we win it!

However, I would like to appeal to the fans. Give this system a chance. Your team needs your support. It's true there is a lot of strain on everyone in the Premier and that is even more reason for everyone rallying round and giving their particular backing to their favourites.

That's all for this week. See you all in a fortnight. Take care...

John Greig



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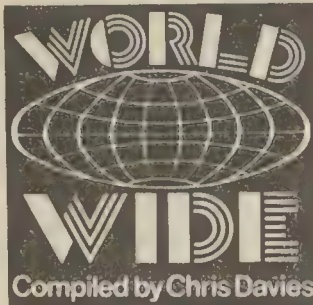
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A FIVE-BEDROOM house with a swimming pool — that's the venue for one Brazilian family who want to see the World Cup in style. They didn't fancy a hotel in Argentina, so they're paying almost £4,000 to rent a private house.

FORMER Barcelona manager Hennes Weisweiler furiously denied reports in a Spanish newspaper that he was about to become manager of Real Madrid.

In fact, the 1.FC Cologne boss immediately signed for another two years with the West German club... at £1,000 per week.

Stormy derby—big bonuses

LOCAL DERBIES between Real and Atlético Madrid are always something special, and their recent meeting in the Santiago Bernabeu stadium was no exception. 105,000 fans paid £140,000 to watch the game, and they weren't disappointed.

Real ran out 4-2 winners, thanks to goals from Jensen, Santillana (2) and Del Bosque, while poor Atlético had two players sent-off and played the last 20 minutes with only nine men.

Full-back Capon was dismissed for persistently fouling Real winger Juanito, and captain Ayala also received marching orders for punching Camacho.

One man who definitely wasn't surprised to be on the losing side was Atlético's superstitious stopper Luiz Pereira. As the players were taking the field, referee Sanchez Arminio noticed the Brazilian's "lucky" green necklace, and ordered him to remove it.

"No necklace, no Pereira," was the defender's reply, but the referee insisted, and Pereira reluctantly ran out muttering, "We've no chance of winning today..."

Incidentally, the Real players picked up a bonus of £800 a man for their win. A week earlier they'd received £900 for their away win in Barcelona. And half the side received £2,000 for their part in Spain's decisive World Cup win in Belgrade, taking their total bonuses to £3,700 in 11 days!

Cool derby

Not too long ago the local derby in Vienna between Austria Vienna and Rapid Vienna would have attracted 50,000 fans. Their last meeting saw just 4,270 supporters turning up... and this in a country that's qualified for Argentina.

Inter-Milan have received an invitation to tour China; if they go it will be the first visit to the People's Republic by an Italian team.



WEST Germany manager Helmut Schoen has capped 30 new players since their 1974 World Cup victory.

Of these, eight or nine will be in the squad for Argentina.

Half of the 1974 team are still regulars — Maier, Vogts, Bonhof and Hölzenbein plus Flohe who helped the Germans to the Final.

Of the new faces, Klaus Fischer (27) has made the biggest impact and the Schalke 04 captain seems to

have filled the gap left by Gerd Müller.

Team-mate Rüdiger Abramczik (21) has done well on the wing while Manfred Burgsmüller (27) has shone in midfield.

Schoen has still not finalised his team. His biggest worry is in the centre of defence where Franz Beckenbauer's absence is still sorely felt.

The full list of Schoen's new faces since 1974:

Player	Club	Date of debut	Age at debut	Total caps
1 Wolfgang Soel	Fortuna Düsseldorf	4 September 1974	26	5
2 Josef Pirrung	1.FC Kaiserslautern	20 November 1974	25	2
3 Bernard Dietz	MSV Duisburg	22 December 1974	26	20
4 K. H. Korb	Eintracht Frankfurt	22 December 1974	20	6
5 Erwin Kostedde	Kickers Offenbach	22 December 1974	28	3
6 Rudi Seliger	MSV Duisburg	22 December 1974	23	2
7 Bernd Nickel	Eintracht Frankfurt	22 December 1974	25	1
8 Manfred Ritschel	Kickers Offenbach	12 March 1975	28	3
9 Uwe Kliemann	Hertha BSC	19 May 1975	25	1
10 Erich Beer	Hertha BSC	19 May 1975	28	19
11 Manfred Kaltz	Hamburger SV	3 September 1975	22	12
12 Uli Stielike	B. Mönchengladbach	3 September 1975	20	6
13 Bernd Gersdorff	Eintracht Braunschweig	3 September 1975	28	1
14 Ferdinand Keller	TSV 1860 München	3 September 1975	29	1
15 Rudi Kargus	Hamburger SV	20 December 1975	23	3
16 Ronald Worm	MSV Duisburg	20 December 1975	22	3
17 Peter Reichel	Eintracht Frankfurt	20 December 1975	24	2
18 Hannes Bongartz	Schalke 04	28 February 1976	24	4
19 Klaus Toppmöller	1.FC Kaiserslautern	22 May 1976	24	1
20 Dieter Müller	1.FC Köln	17 June 1976	22	8
21 K. H. Rummenigge	Bayern München	6 October 1976	21	8
22 H. Zimmermann	1.FC Köln	6 October 1976	22	2
23 Peter Nogly	Hamburger SV	23 February 1977	30	4
24 Klaus Fischer	Schalke 04	27 April 1977	27	9
25 Rüdiger Abramczik	Schalke 04	27 April 1977	21	8
26 F. J. Tenhagen	VfL Bochum	30 April 1977	24	3
27 Rolf Rübmann	Schalke 04	30 April 1977	26	9
28 Wolfgang Magath	Hamburger SV	30 April 1977	23	2
29 Dieter Burdinski	Werder Bremen	8 June 1977	26	1
30 Manfred Burgsmüller	Borussia Dortmund	16 November 1977	27	2

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TEAM OF 77

FRENCH magazine Onze picked their European team of 1977 and it included two British stars. Here's their selection with the percentage of votes the particular players' polled: Clemence (Liverpool — 66%); Vogts (Mönchengladbach — 53%); Tresor (Marseille — 53%); Piazza (St.-Etienne — 40%); Dietz (MSV Duisburg — 25%); Bonhof (Mönchengladbach — 40.5%); Keegan (Hamburger SV — 82%); Platini (Nantes — 90.5%); Simonsen (Mönchengladbach — 83.5%); Cruyff (Barcelona — 29.5%); Rensenbrink (Anderlecht — 46%).

I'd have picked Celtic and Scotland full-back Danny McGrain who, before his injury towards the end of 1977, had shown skill and consistency little short of amazing.



French idol Michel Platini

NEWS FLASHES

● Even though the North American League season doesn't start until April, the Cosmos had already sold 15,000 season tickets by Christmas.

● Apparently Cor Coster, agent and father-in-law of Johan Cruyff, is negotiating on behalf of the Holland players with the F.A. regarding their World Cup bonuses.

● Michel Hildago, manager of France, received 160,000 letters and telegrams after his country had qualified for Argentina. He apologised he couldn't answer them all.

● Ivan Buljan, the Yugoslav who joined Hamburger SV at the same time as Kevin Keegan, has been sent back home to help him recover from his injuries.

The German club feel the warmer climate of Split will be better for the full-back.

● Eintracht Frankfurt have produced a record with some songs by their players including a duet by captain Jürgen Grabowski with an actress called — Lisa Christ. The song is a prayer for the club!

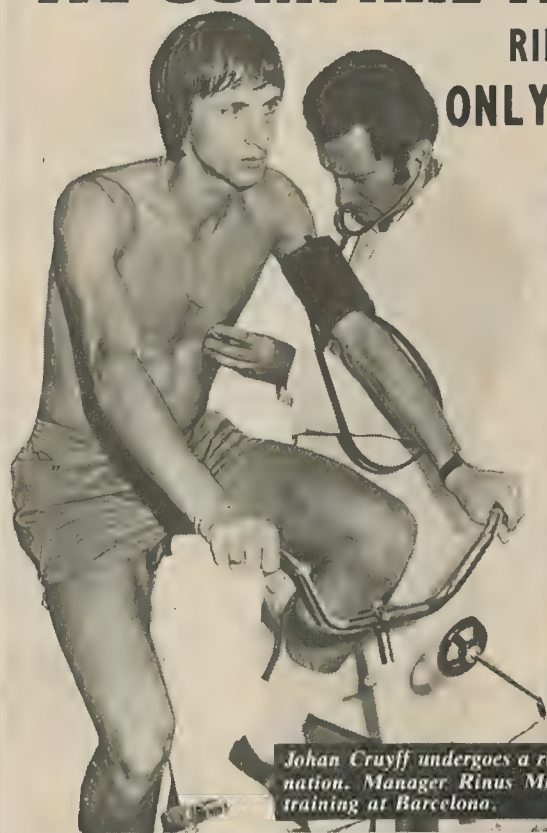
● Gilbert Legrand, Luxembourg's World Cup team-boss, died of a heart-attack recently. He was 44.

● West Germany manager Helmut Schoen will definitely retire after the 1978 World Cup Finals. His assistant, Jupp Derwall, will take over.

● Eighteen Argentinian T.V. technicians have been "training" in West Germany, preparing for the World Cup in June.

WE COMPARE THE ROLES OF A SPANISH CLUB

RINUS MICHELS OF BARCELONA – ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE TEAM



Johan Cruyff undergoes a rigorous medical examination. Manager Rinus Michels (above) joins in training at Barcelona.



IN SPAIN, managers' earnings still make interesting reading in spite of the recent devaluation of the peseta. Barcelona manager Rinus Michels is currently the top earner, and he's on a basic £85,000 for his season's work. The contract fees commanded by the other First Division bosses range from £20,000 to £65,000 and almost all receive a monthly salary of £400-£500 on top of that, plus double the win bonuses paid to their players. Many managers stand to receive bonuses of £4,000-£10,000 for simply ensuring their team avoids relegation. The average earnings last season worked out at around £45,000 a man.

The duties of the Spanish manager are somewhat different from those of his British counterpart. His job is to produce a winning team... and virtually nothing else.

Taking Barcelona's Rinus Michels as an example, his typical week would start with a visit to the ground on Monday morning to check on any players injured in the previous evening's match.

Otherwise, this is a day off for him and the rest of the squad.

Tuesday to Friday are very similar — two-hour training sessions in the morning, followed once or twice a week by tactical talks.

At the weekend, the routine varies according to the venue of Sunday's game. Before home games, Michels joins his players in "concentration" at a hotel just outside Barcelona. The concentration begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday and continues until the Sunday evening match. For away

BOBBY ROBSON OF IPSWICH – RUNNING THE CLUB – FROM 'A TO Z'



IPSWICH manager Bobby Robson, one of the highest paid in this country, still falls far short of his Spanish counterpart.

The Portman Road boss earns an estimated £25,000 per year, which puts him on a par with new England supreme Ron Greenwood. But his duties do not begin and end by producing a winning team, although this is obviously of prime importance.

Robson describes his function as "running a football club from A to Z" and he puts in a full working day that would shock a lot of foreign bosses. It is not rare, for example, to find him at his desk long after the rest of the administrative staff have gone home.

His week starts, surprisingly enough, on a Sunday when he travels the eight miles from his farmhouse in the Suffolk countryside to the ground to check on casualties from the previous day's match.

Physiotherapist Tommy Eggleston runs a Sunday morning "clinic" for players who sustained knocks, no matter how minor, the previous day and Robson likes to make a personal check on the damage.

Monday sees him arrive at the ground shortly after 9.00 a.m. and go through his mail.

He will want to discuss the performances of the reserve and youth sides on the previous Saturday with coaches Bobby Ferguson

and Charlie Woods and then run through the day's training programme with first team coach Cyril Lea.

Robson, like Michels at Barcelona, believes in taking an active part in training and only illness or an item of terrific importance has forced him to miss sessions in the past.

Training lasts for around two hours and the players are then free for the rest of the day. But for Robson his work is only half finished and the afternoon sees him out of track-suit and back to "civvies" in his office which is decorated with pennants from clubs all over the world that Ipswich have played.

Tuesday is a similar day. Wednesday is normally a day off for the players and then it's back to the same routine on Thursday. Training consists of only a few loosening-up exercises and sprints on a Friday to avoid the possibility of injury.

Friday around 12 noon sees him get together with his coaching staff to sort out the squads for the following day. Apart from their First Division side, Ipswich also operate a reserve team in the Football Combination and a youth side in the South East Counties League.

Robson has a file marked "highly confidential" that contains the names of several players he would like to have on his staff. They only find their way into that file as a result of reports submitted by Ipswich coaches and scouts who have seen the players in action regularly.

One such example was Paul Mariner, bought from Plymouth Argyle in a £220,000 deal in



October, 1976, and now established as one of the best strikers in the country with three England caps to his credit.

After receiving several outstanding reports on Mariner from his spies, Robson made a personal check and decided to bid for him. Unlike Michels, it was Robson who conducted the deal from beginning to end. He negotiated the fee with Plymouth and then agreed the terms of his contract with Mariner.

Every close season Robson has to meet every one of his players to thrash out terms for the new season. He admits that maybe it would be better if an accountant, for example, conducted these talks on the club's behalf because, he says, it can sometimes be embarrassing when manager and player get together out on the training pitch only a few minutes after arguing about wages.

Young players are the lifeblood of Ipswich and over the years the club's youth policy has paid handsome dividends. Schoolboys from all over the country, recommended by club scouts, are invited to Portman Road for trials and it is Robson who makes the decision

MANAGER AND AN ENGLISH CLUB MANAGER

games, travelling can take a lot of time in a big country like Spain, and some fixtures can be Friday-to-Monday affairs.

In the Spanish League there are no midweek League games, though the Cup is usually played on Wednesdays. Teams involved in European competitions are exempt from the Cup until they're eliminated. At Barcelona, the U.E.F.A. Cup games can mean a few weeks of almost continuous travelling and concentrations.

Michels is one of the managers who believes in taking an active

part in training sessions, though he has two assistants, Rife and Oliver, to help him out.

On transfers, Michels' job is to give the club a note of which player or players he would like to sign — and the club does the rest. In exceptional circumstances, Michels will travel to assess a player, but this is usually done by assistants. All negotiations are handled by the club's administration. Within the squad, Michels has nothing at all to do with the players' earnings. Each player negotiates his own terms with the board, and the manager has no financial worries at all. At the end of each season, he must prepare a detailed report to present to the board, and this must include a list of which players he feels are to be transferred and which are to be retained.

Prior to the following season, he must also decide which players are to be incorporated into the squad. Like most Spanish teams, Barcelona have a "nursery" side, Barcelona Atletico, which plays in the Third Division. Michels' only job is to decide which youngsters from the nursery side are good enough to promote into the first team squad.

On match days, Michels and the players are well-protected by club officials, in the sense Press and

public can't get at them before the game. Michels must announce a squad of 16 players shortly before the kick-off, and he may use any two of his five substitutes.

In this respect he has more possibilities than a British manager, and is much freer to reinforce defence, midfield or attack according to how the game is going. After the match, Michels has to do his duty in the Press room. It's the Spanish custom for the two managers to chat with journalists about the game for ten minutes or so after each match, and the Spaniards find the attitude of most British managers hard to understand. Michels isn't particularly fond of the Press, but it's part of his job to attend to them both on match day and during the week.

Spying on future opponents is done by one or other of his assistants, Rife and Oliver. Hospitality for visiting teams is handled entirely by the club's directors. So Michels' work boils down to the physical preparation of his team; team selection; and choice of tactics for each particular game. His job is fundamentally to see the team wins matches, and everything else is handled by other people. The club even pays for him and his wife to live in a five-star hotel next to the stadium.



Ipswich Town (dark shirts) met Barcelona in this term's U.E.F.A. Cup. The Spaniards eventually won through on penalties.



whether or not to take them on as apprentices.

Robson has to attend regular meetings of the board of directors where he submits a report, but he would be the first to agree he does not have to put up with the interference that seems to haunt other managers.

Working closely with secretary David Rose he decides which hotels the club will use on Friday evenings before away games, where they will eat en route and what time the coach will leave Portman Road.

In Ipswich's geographical situation a lot of travelling is involved and the players spend quite a time away from home. The evening before a home game, therefore, is spent at home and not like Barcelona at a local hotel.

Robson negotiates all tours on the club's behalf. A lot of offers from all over the world arrive at Portman Road in the course of a season and the manager makes every effort to ensure any trips will be both enjoyable for the players,

beneficial to the team and lucrative in terms of cash for the club.

On match days Robson distributes complimentary tickets to all the players after their pre-match meal which, on a home day, takes place in the club's own Centre Spot restaurant. Then after watching the football preview shows on television he gives a team talk which often lasts about 45 minutes.

Afterwards he answers questions from the Press but feels too much emphasis is placed on what people say and not enough on the game itself. "I've seen reports on a Monday morning," says Robson, "in which the game hardly gets a mention and almost the entire

story is devoted to what a manager or player said afterwards."

During the week he handles all Press inquiries himself, most of them coming from local newspapers anxious to keep their readers up-to-date with injuries and team news.

His other dealings with the Press

involve interviews for radio and television.

Robson has been at Ipswich for just over nine years and in that time the club has grown considerably in stature.

He enjoys his constant involvement with matters at all levels and is always available to the staff.



Robson (back row, left) secures the signature of Paul Mariner (front row, centre) from Plymouth Argyle. Track-suited Robson (right) gives a few tips to Brian Talbot.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Trevor Francis (right) scored his 100th League goal for Birmingham City during their Christmas fixtures. (a) Who were their opponents and (b) what was the final score?

2. On Wednesday, December 28th, Nottingham Forest travelled to Newcastle United and won 2-0. Did this victory put Brian Clough's men three, four or five points clear at the top of the First Division?

3. Can you name the leaders of the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions respectively on the same day?

4. Kevin Keegan was surprisingly beaten into second place in the voting for the 1977 European Footballer of the Year by Allan Simonsen. (a) Which Bundesliga club does he play for in West Germany, (b) is he an international for Sweden, Norway or Denmark and (c) did he beat Keegan by two, three or four votes?

5. Newcastle United moved into the transfer market recently when they signed Mike Larnach and Mark McGhee for around £250,000. Which Scottish clubs did they move from?

6. Five players — two from the First, one from the Second, one in the Third and one in the Fourth — were sent-off on Boxing Day, December 26th. Can you name them?

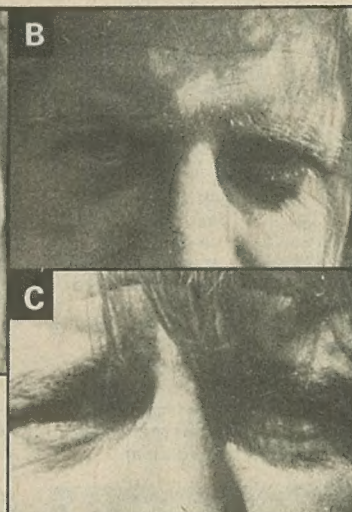
7. The following Scottish Premier Division games were played on Monday, January 2nd. Can you select the correct results? (a) Aberdeen v. Dundee United (0-0, 1-0, 2-0), (b) Celtic v. Motherwell (0-1, 1-1, 1-2), (c) Hibs v. Clydebank (1-0, 2-0, 3-0), (d) Partick v. Rangers (0-1, 1-2, 2-3) and (e) St. Mirren v. Ayr (0-1, 1-2, 2-3).



8. At the halfway stage of this season, Wimbledon set an unenviable record among clubs in their first season of League football during the 1970's. Do you know what it is?

9. Who was recently given the responsibility of caretaker player-manager at The Hawthorns?

10. Alan Curtis has been scoring regularly this season for which Fourth Division club?



11. Which famous international winger recently turned down a transfer to Manchester United?

12. A former England skipper is captain of Norwich City. Can you name him?

13. Millwall approached a manager in the Second Division from Kenilworth Road to become boss at The Den. Who is he?

14. Our artist has cropped the three photographs above. Can you identify the players from the following clues? (a) He previously played in Wales with Wrexham but is now starring in the North-East. (b) Started his career in Bristol. Then played for Chelsea and Leicester City before returning to the West Country. (c) Has a fiery temperament but on his day is brilliant in either defence or attack. He is currently starring for the League leaders.

15. John Jackson made his 100th, 150th or 200th consecutive League appearance for Orient against Luton Town at Brisbane Road on January 2nd?

ANSWERS:

1. (a) Bristol City, (b) 3-0 to
Birmingham, 2. Five, 3. Second,
Bolton, Third: Wrexham, Fourth:
Watford, 4. (a) Borussia Mon-
chengladbach, (b) Denmark, (c)
Three, 5. Larnach from
Clydebank and McGhee from
Morton, 6. Bruce Riech and Char-
lie George (both of Derby), Joe
Bolton (Sunderland), Doug Liver-
more (Chester), Andy McCulloch
(Brentford), 7. (a) 1-0, (b) 0-1, (c)
2-0, (d) 1-2 and (e) 2-3, 8. They had
gained only 18 points — the
lowest of any League new-
comers in their first season in
the 70's, 9. John Wile, 10.
Swansea, 11. Manchester City's
Dennis Tueart, 12. Martin Peters,
13. Luton's Harry Haslam, 14. (a)
Bill Ashcroft (Middlesbrough), (b)
Bristol City's Chris Garand, (c)
Kenny Burns of Nottingham For-
est, 15. 150th.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across: (1) Six, (3) Toshack, (9) On, (10) Bolton, (11) Joe, (13) Type, (14) Juventus, (15) Ores, (16) Plea, (18) Her, (19) Value, (21) So, (23) Fired, (26) Rofe, (28) Dot, (30) Owl, (32) Posts, (34) Keeper, (36) At, (37) St. Andrews.

Down: (1) So, (2) Injure, (3) To, (4) Old Trafford, (5) St, (6) Hotspur, (7) Any, (8) Keelan, (10) Bees, (12) Overs, (14) John, (17) Leeds, (20) Lies, (22) Or, (24) Do, (25) Ewes, (27) Open, (29) Tot, (30) O.K., (31) Let, (33) The, (35) Pa, (36) As.

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left just before the start of the season to go to Liverpool and become the most expensive player in British football at £440,000.

Parkhead supremo Jock Stein brought the three players to his club over the past two seasons. First to arrive was Craig, who cost £60,000 from Partick Thistle. It proved to be money well spent and Craig has played for his country at the highest level.

He had previously won a Junior cap for Scotland while he was with Sauchie, but his dream came true against Sweden in a friendly at Hampden last season when the then manager Willie Ormond sent him on as a second-half substitute.

"Who is the player who scored a goal for his country without even kicking a ball for them?" asks Craig. "It's me, of course. When I came on against the Swedes I hadn't even had a chance to kick the ball when a cross came over from the right and I managed to dive full length to HEAD it past goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom.

"That was a wonderful feeling and I only hope there are a lot more goals like that for both Celtic and Scotland in the future. I'll be doing my best, anyway."

Scottish soccer was shocked when the second of The Three Musketeers, Alfie Conn, arrived at Parkhead. He had, after all, started his career with Celtic's greatest rivals Rangers and it is unusual for a member of either club to switch legions.

Alfie went to Spurs for £135,000, but things didn't work out for him at White Hart Lane and Stein, who had always admired the super skills of Conn, swooped to bring him to Parkhead for £65,000.



Alfie Conn (left) cost Celtic £65,000 when signed from Spurs. Joe Craig (above) scored on his international debut for Scotland against Sweden.

Celtic's Three Musketeers

favourite of the fans. In fact, in his debut match against Partick Thistle he showed them the shape of things to come when he raced through their defence and left international goalkeeper Alan Rough helpless with a cunning lob.

Conn, of course, was injured in the opening League match of the season against Dundee United at Parkhead, but he has now recovered completely from his cartilage operation and is again one of the most entertaining players North of the border.

McAdam arrived this season and

CELTIC have had their fair share of problems this season, but they have still persevered to play football with attacking flamboyance and flair. In that setting they have produced a trio of tantalising talent... a trio who set about demolishing defences with all the skill of latter day musketeers.

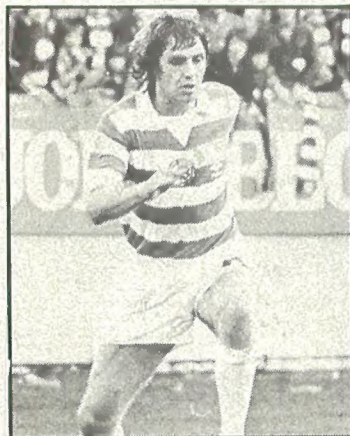
That trio of trouble for any defence is Alfie Conn, Joe Craig and Tom McAdam, playing together for the first team this season. Their ambitious, adventurous natures have helped Celtic to get back on the rails. The combination of their precision and power has helped the fans to forget about wonder boy Kenny Dalglish, who

"I'll always be grateful to Mr Stein," says Conn. "I was out in the cold at Spurs and things looked bleak. The fans seemed to like my style, but the management didn't agree.

"Then when I heard Celtic might be interested I hoped it wasn't just another rumour without any foundation. When I finally heard from Keith Burkinshaw, the Spurs' boss, Celtic wanted me, I couldn't pack my bags quick enough to get back to Scotland."

Conn immediately settled into the Celtic side and became a firm

Tom McAdam (right) has taken time to settle but is now playing well for the Parkhead club.



he took a while to settle into the first team. Stein spent £60,000 to take him from Dundee United, but recently the player has been turning in displays which show this to be a bargain buy.

One of the most spectacular goals of the term so far came when he teamed up with Joe Craig to score a brilliant goal against Partick Thistle. He headed down a long clearance from Peter Latchford to Craig, took the return and then slammed a magnificent 25-yard shot into the net.

Joe Craig, Alfie Conn and Tom McAdam, total cost £185,000, are proving to be three of Jock Stein's shrewdest buys. That's bad news for any defence.

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